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This Issue

No changes have been made to the layout of *Quarterly Regional Statistics* since the last issue.

Table 2, **economic structure** is derived from the **business register**. This file is currently coded for two different industry coding schemes (SIC80 and NAICS). Previous issues displayed results using the Standard Industrial Classification. This issue displays the same snapshot, December 1999, using the new North American Industy Classification System. For the next issue we will update Table 2 to December 2000 with NAICS based data. For this reason we advise that you keep a copy of the old SIC80 based data and the table included with this issue for comparison and future reference.

Table 5, **manufacturing principal statistics**, reflects revised data but 1997 is the end of the road for sub-provincial SIC80–based data. We have just started working with the 1998 NAICS-based sub-provincial data but cannot tie it back to the old series – even for total manufacturing. Again you should keep the table from this issue for future reference.

Programming work required for the **Incorporations** file is now complete but we have processed the files only to the end of 2000 (Table 8). There is some discontinuity in the data for the lower mainland: for January 2000 on, the data reflects the current GVRD and Fraser Valley boundaries – previous years approximated this with the sum of old GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette and the sum of Central Fraser Valley + Fraser-Cheam. Regional **tourism** (Table 7) now has the year 2000 breakouts for accommodation types.

Regional boundaries

The geographic basis of this document is the 1996 Census geography that includes a number of changes in the lower mainland. The new Fraser Valley Regional District combines all of Fraser-Cheam, and the portions of Central Fraser Valley and Dewdney-Alouette that were not brought into Greater Vancouver. A note in the title bar is provided where it has not been possible to present data based precisely on the new boundaries.

More Regional Data

Our Internet site includes a general search tool and screens providing a subject matter search as well as a geographic search tool (**Regions**). The regions pages provide a more intuitive access to the many maps that we have on-line. With these changes users can more easily locate our small area data offerings.

We have made a **substantial addition** to our regional data in the form of 1996 **Census Profiles**. These are freely

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available on our web site. Each consists of a cover, 3 pages of comparative charts and tables, and a 2-page data supplement. There are 457 profiles to choose from, one for each census division (regional district), incorporated municipality, sub-regional district and Indian Reserve.

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Our Internet site for the **British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory** is now up and running. This free site opens up many opportunities to Internet users and the listed firms. You can search for a particular firm, filter the database to all firms meeting your criteria, send us an update of your current listing or a new listing, or place an order for the book or database.

There are several geographic fields which means you can easily generate a list of firms in a specific area. The Advanced Search allows you to combine search criteria giving powerful tools to more sophisticated users.

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Census Profile (Every 5 Years)

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Regional and Community Facts (Semi-Annual)

A two- page compendium of statistics including: population; selected Census characteristics; residential property assessment summary; building permits; personal taxation; BC Benefits recipients; E.I. beneficiaries; incorporations; and bankruptcies. Annual data, two pages per region or community. On our Web site for free access — see **Regions**. Updated two times a year.

Community Profiles (Always Current)

A series of looseleaf binders, each devoted to one of 28 regional districts, featuring the broadest range of regional data. Some maps and charts. 200+ to 400+ pages per regional district with most data provided for all communities in each region. Annual data maintained so that purchaser gets latest available information.

Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles (Annual)

A single looseleaf binder, organized by region and providing socio-economic information such as age, ethnic origin, migration, social assistance recipients, crime, education, child care, health, income and labour market activity. Maps, charts and tables. Complete data tables provided in the appendix. Approximately 200 pages. Updated annually. Latest edition: June 2000.

Quarterly Regional Statistics (Quarterly)

A single release, organized by region, featuring current monthly and quarterly economic data to provide an up to date measurement of local activity compared to that of the province. Text, charts and tables. Approximately 240 pages. Released quarterly.

Regional Index (Published Every Five Years – 1996 Census version not available)

A comprehensive, narrative and statistical examination of the geographic, economic and social structure of B.C.'s eight development regions and 73 sub-areas. Updated every 5 years to take advantage of the most recent Census of Population and Housing. Last released in March 1995. There are plans to update this publication with a Web-enabled edition.

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	Monthly, Quarterly	Annual	B.C.	Dev. Regions	Reg. Dist	Comm unity	Other	Per Region	Total	Per Region	All Regions
Census Profile		5 yr cycle			●	●	●	6	2,742	$5	$2,000
Community Facts		●			●	●		2	350	$10	$50
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Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles		●	●	●	●			4	200	$10	$150
Quarterly Regional Statistics	●	●	●	●	●			6	240	$5	$100 per year (4 issues)
Regional Index		5 yr cycle		●		●	●	n/a	375	n/a	$40

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Local Health Area Population Projection *(Annual)*

This 25-year forecast projects the composition of the population in each local health area. Detailed statistical tables provide historical and forecast population by age and sex, including components of change. For topical articles and methodology ask about the *B.C. Population Forecast* publication. Available on paper or diskette. Updated annually.

Manufacturers' Directory *(Annual)*

Lists B.C. manufacturers by company name (detailed listing), industry, product, and regional district by community. This publication details 5,000 manufacturers including employment size, commodities produced, export status and a contact name and address. Available in print, as a CSV file on diskette, or searchable free Web-enabled version at www.made-in-bc.ca.

Major Projects Inventory *(Quarterly)*

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Tourism Room Revenue *(Monthly)*

A monthly release, available by subscription, with estimates of revenues received from room rental by type of accommodation, with a geographic breakdown by development region, regional district and selected urban areas. Seasonally adjusted estimates are provided for development region totals and for accommodation type totals. Approximately 16 pages per month.

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Regional District Population Projection		●	●		●			9	280	$5	$80/ paper $400/ disk
Local Health Area Population Projection		●	●				●	9	725	$5	$150/ paper $400/ disk
Manufacturers' Directory -1998	Annual SnapShot		●		●	●		Varies	595	n/a	$45
Manufacturers' Directory - Disk	Current SnapShot		●		●	●		n/a	n/a	n/a	$250
Major Projects Inventory	Quarterly SnapShot			●				Varies	40	n/a	$75 (4 issues)
Tourism Room Revenue	●	●	●	●	●			n/a	16 / month	n/a	$60 / year

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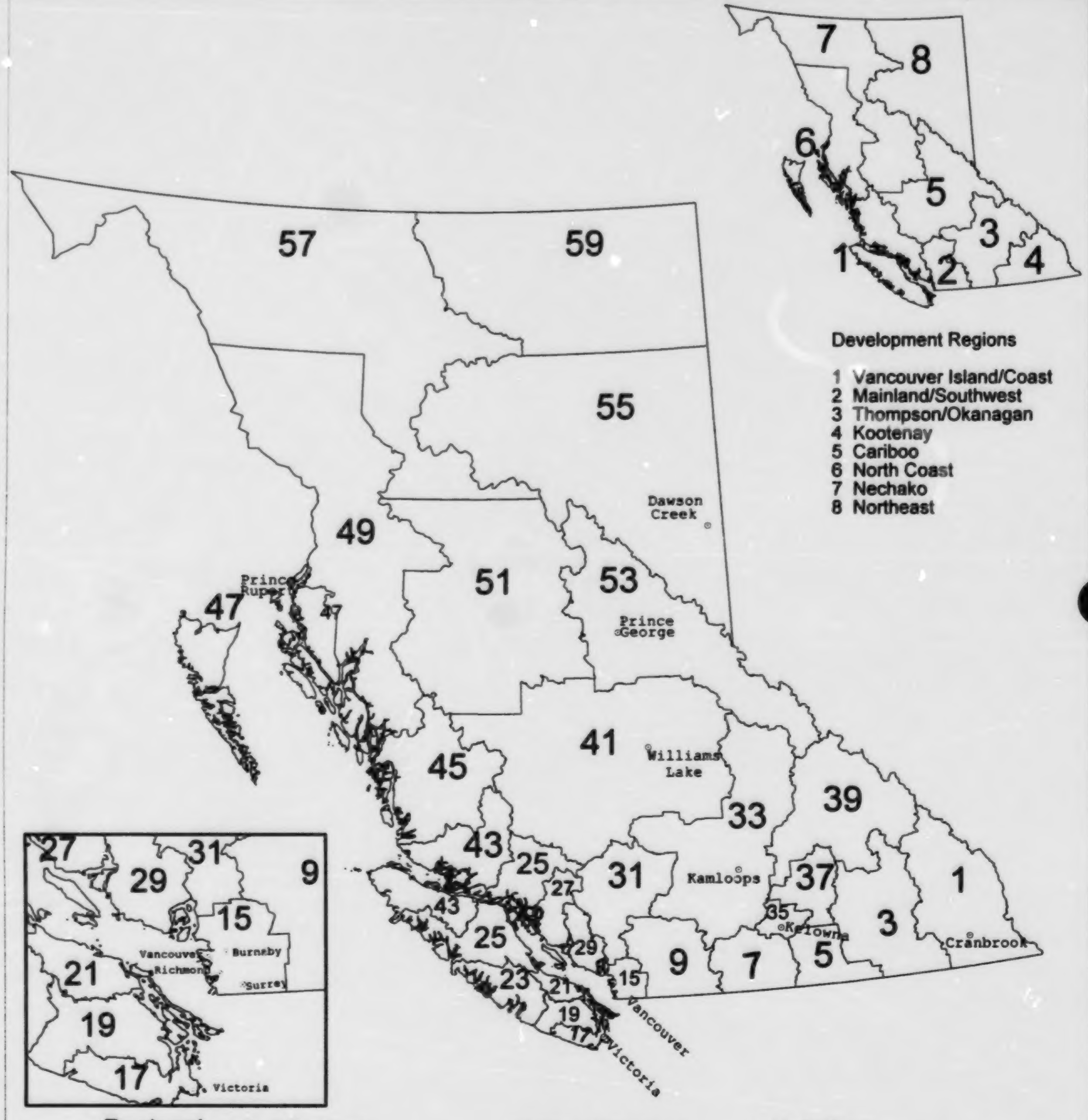
British Columbia Regional Districts
1996 Boundaries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21 Nanaimo

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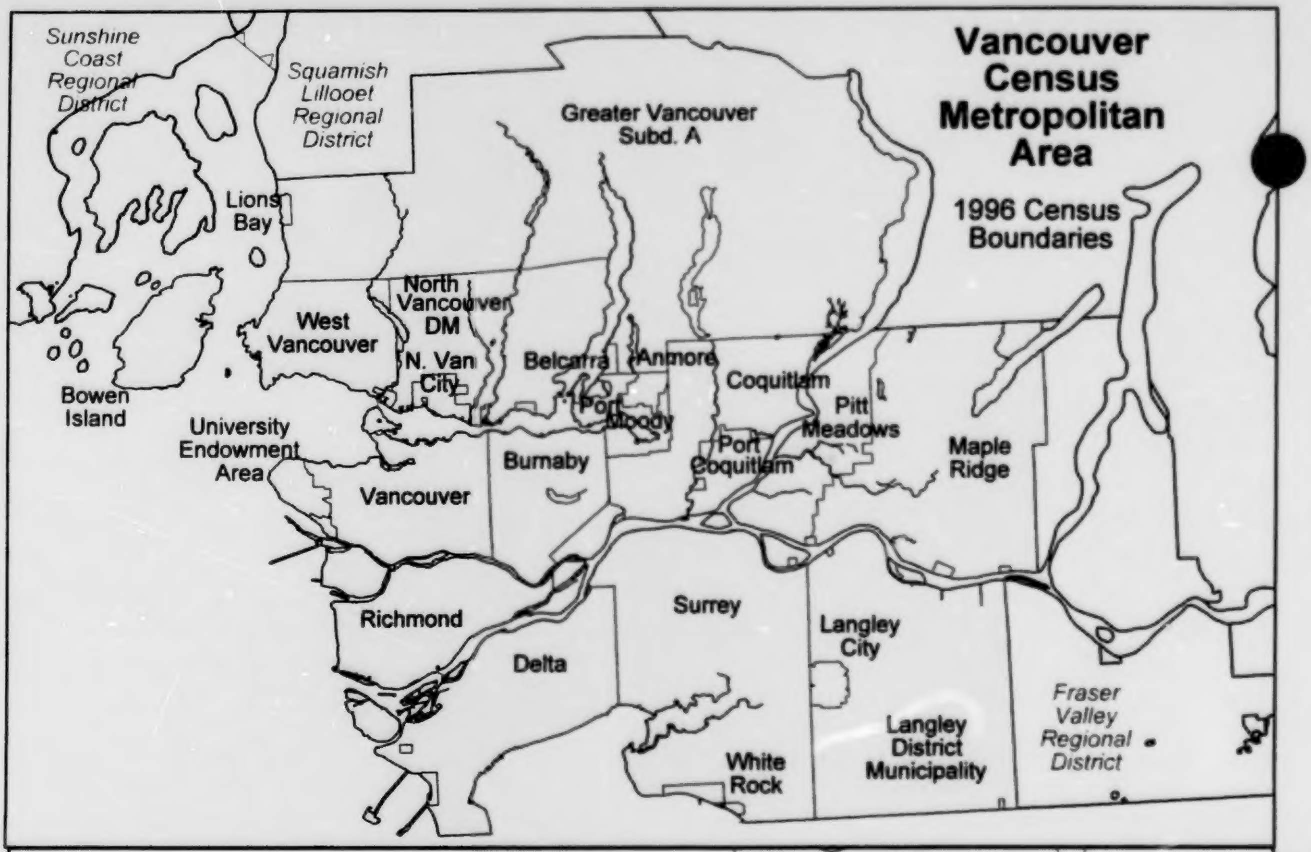
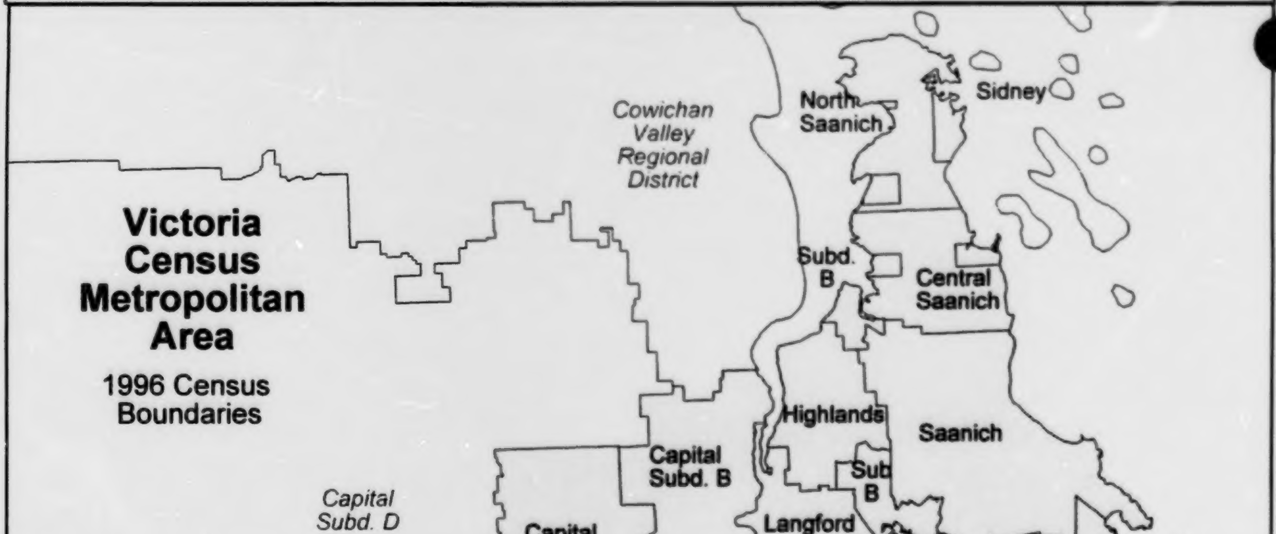


Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area

1996 Census Boundaries

Sunshine Coast Regional District
Squamish Lillooet Regional District
Greater Vancouver Subd. A
Lions Bay
Bowen Island
West Vancouver
North Vancouver DM
N. Van City
Belcarra
Anmore
Coquitlam
Pitt Meadows
Maple Ridge
Port Moody
Port Coquitlam
University Endowment Area
Vancouver
Burnaby
Richmond
Delta
Surrey
Langley City
Langley District Municipality
White Rock
Fraser Valley Regional District



Victoria Census Metropolitan Area

1996 Census Boundaries

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Sidney
Subd. B
Central Saanich
Highlands
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Capital Subd. B
Sub B
Capital Subd. D
Capital Subd. C
Langford
Colwood
Victoria
Oak Bay
Esquimalt
Metchosin

Note: Reserve boundaries not labelled

1 General Economy

Although the services sector is the largest component of British Columbia's Gross Domestic Product, the Province is still heavily dependent on natural resource industries. When inter-industry linkages are taken into account, the resource sector is still responsible for at least one quarter of the jobs in British Columbia. Forest-based industries form the most important segment of the Provincial economy. Virtually every community in the province relies to some degree on the industry. Of all manufacturing industries in B.C., wood industries rank first, followed closely by the paper and allied industries. These two industries combined account for almost one half of all manufacturing in British Columbia. Mining is another important resource industry for British Columbia. Coal mining is the most significant activity in the East Kootenay Region, and oil and gas exploration is the major economic driver of the Peace River and Northern Rockies Regions. In addition, there are a significant number of metal mines in the Province. Copper is by far the most important metal mined in British Columbia. Metal manufacturing is a significant activity for some communities, particularly Trail and Kitimat where there are large lead-zinc and aluminum smelters respectively. Other significant resource industries are agriculture and fishing. Agriculture in B.C. is very diverse, ranging from cattle ranching, to poultry farming, to fruit orchards. Most of the agricultural activity is located in the southern regions of the Province, primarily around the Okanagan and the Kootenays. Fishing is more predominant in Northern B.C., around Prince Rupert, and the north of Vancouver Island. The fish canning industry is concentrated mainly in Vancouver, Richmond and Prince Rupert. Tourism is also an important economic driver for B.C. It accounts for about 4.4 per cent of the Provincial Gross Domestic Product, which is slightly more than the direct contribution of the mining industry. The Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island-Coast Regions account for more than half of travel expenditures, and Vancouver and Victoria are among the top 20 travel destinations in the world. The high-technology sector is gaining importance and has become one of the province's leading employers.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	British Columbia							Canada	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	133,534	137,013	12,154	4,935	842	154,944	100.0%	100.0%	1,019,845
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	7,532	8,411	502	192	23	9,128	5.9%	6.2%	62,857
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	896	735	67	34	14	850	0.5%	0.8%	7,749
22	Utilities	111	125	18	14	9	166	0.1%	0.1%	1,305
23	Construction	22,713	15,691	1,061	308	19	17,079	11.0%	10.4%	105,808
31-33	Manufacturing	4,613	7,146	1,245	585	142	9,118	5.9%	6.9%	69,924
41	Wholesale Trade	6,828	9,403	795	221	12	10,431	6.7%	6.5%	66,118
44-45	Retail Trade	9,726	15,795	1,296	560	85	17,736	11.4%	12.7%	129,686
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	6,864	6,426	427	195	50	7,098	4.6%	4.4%	44,559
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,707	1,730	232	122	19	2,103	1.4%	1.3%	13,137
52	Finance & Insurance	8,957	4,478	503	219	38	5,238	3.4%	3.4%	34,710
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	19,355	6,362	447	149	15	6,973	4.5%	3.8%	38,574
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	17,001	15,132	868	283	28	16,311	10.5%	9.9%	100,693
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5,989	2,897	314	148	4	3,363	2.2%	1.7%	16,877
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	5,804	6,494	517	206	28	7,245	4.7%	4.2%	43,027
61	Educational Services	787	1,399	170	84	81	1,734	1.1%	1.0%	10,610
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,099	11,966	746	413	112	13,237	8.5%	7.6%	77,800
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,178	2,282	224	140	28	2,674	1.7%	1.7%	17,272
72	Accom. & Food Services	4,087	8,378	2,184	835	48	11,445	7.4%	7.3%	74,951
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	7,278	11,620	414	108	23	12,165	7.9%	9.4%	96,315
91	Public Administration	9	543	124	119	64	850	0.5%	0.8%	7,873

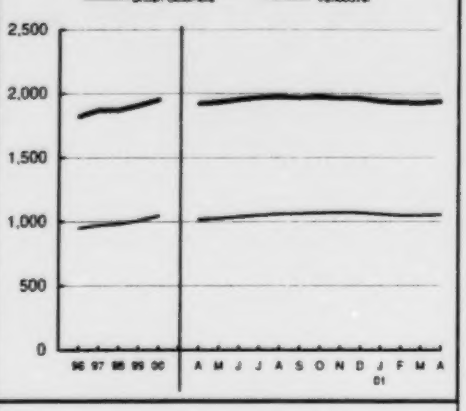
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

British Columbia

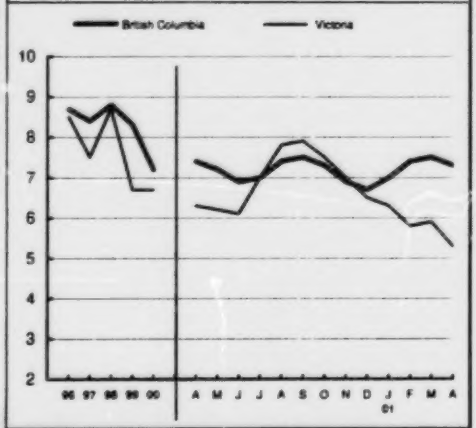
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1991	1,572.6	10.1	832.8	8.5	134.9	8.4
	1992	1,620.3	10.2	859.8	9.0	133.6	7.9
	1993	1,675.9	9.7	869.5	9.3	138.8	8.3
	1994	1,754.0	9.0	908.9	8.6	144.3	7.1
	1995	1,792.3	8.4	929.6	7.9	143.1	8.4
	1996	1,821.2	8.7	948.6	8.0	143.5	8.5
	1997	1,869.0	8.4	971.3	8.3	149.8	7.5
	1998	1,870.2	8.8	979.6	8.1	146.6	8.7
	1999	1,906.4	8.3	1,005.4	7.8	154.2	6.7
	2000	1,949.1	7.2	1,044.5	5.9	153.6	6.7
2000	Jan	1,908.0	7.6	1,005.7	6.8	154.1	5.9
	Feb	1,913.2	7.5	1,011.5	6.5	155.1	6.2
	Mar	1,913.1	7.6	1,011.8	6.4	155.6	6.4
	Apr	1,919.7	7.4	1,017.3	6.0	156.5	6.3
	May	1,931.9	7.2	1,023.1	5.8	156.7	6.2
	Jun	1,953.2	6.9	1,036.6	5.7	155.8	6.1
	Jul	1,966.9	7.0	1,048.4	5.9	155.2	7.0
	Aug	1,973.3	7.4	1,058.3	6.2	154.6	7.8
	Sep	1,968.9	7.5	1,062.3	6.2	153.7	7.9
	Oct	1,972.3	7.3	1,066.7	6.1	152.2	7.5
	Nov	1,963.9	6.9	1,069.3	5.5	149.4	7.0
	Dec	1,961.2	6.7	1,067.2	5.2	149.3	6.5
2001	Jan	1,938.9	7.0	1,055.7	5.4	148.0	6.3
	Feb	1,928.9	7.4	1,046.4	5.9	147.0	5.8
	Mar	1,924.7	7.5	1,045.7	6.1	145.9	5.9
	Apr	1,936.5	7.3	1,050.7	5.9	146.1	5.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:		year-to-dat					
	Jan-Apr00	1,913.9	7.5	1,013.3	6.2	155.3	6.2
	Jan-Apr01	1,927.6	7.5	1,046.1	6.0	147.0	5.8
	% Change	0.7		3.2		-5.3	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



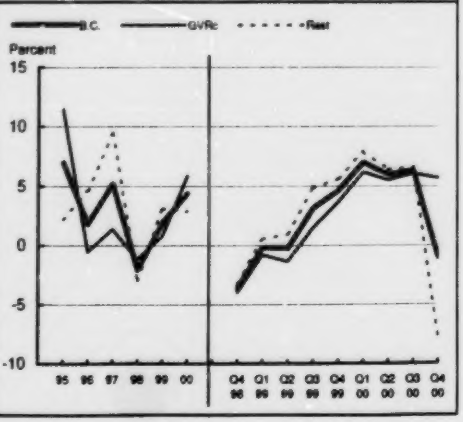
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: Statistics Canada. Based on monthly survey.

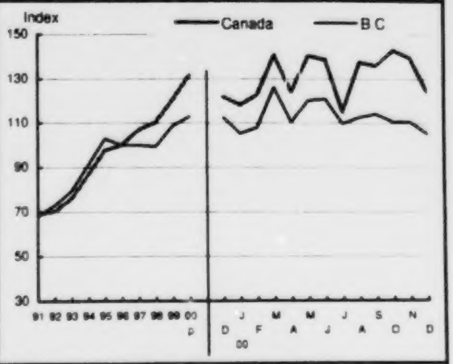
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



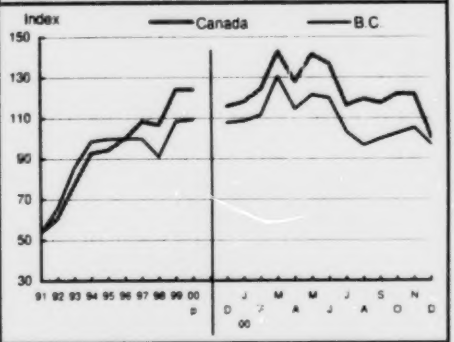
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	291	324	321		
25	Wood	601	714	686		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	264	302	297		
30	Metal Fabricating	547	650	634		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,881	4,378	4,228		
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	3,626.9	3,671.2	3,652.2	3,511.0	3,502.3
25	Wood	11,234.0	11,264.3	11,474.1	10,239.3	12,201.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8,920.0	9,038.8	9,164.0	8,018.9	9,554.5
30	Metal Fabricating	1,554.3	1,725.9	1,814.6	1,877.0	1,953.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35,040.3	34,096.0	34,582.6	33,890.2	36,994.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	17,467	16,475	16,171		
25	Wood	41,068	38,973	40,357		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	29,108	27,524	27,932		
30	Metal Fabricating	11,246	11,034	12,173		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	150,457	148,528	156,422		
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	588.1	546.5	531.5		
25	Wood	1,904.1	1,840.0	1,900.0		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,416.4	1,371.6	1,399.8		
30	Metal Fabricating	417.1	429.4	477.5		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,369.9	6,308.9	6,649.9		

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

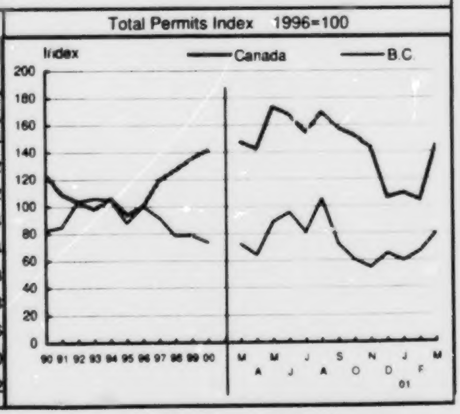


Source: Statistics Canada, published and unpublished editions of 31-203; and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	6,389.2	1,943.8	177.8	892.6	873.8	4,445.4	41,694
1994	6,317.9	1,771.5	175.3	1,075.5	520.7	4,546.4	40,082
1995	5,304.5	1,949.0	247.3	1,016.8	684.9	3,355.5	26,842
1996	6,050.9	1,956.3	252.6	1,225.1	478.6	4,094.7	32,394
1997	5,531.8	1,954.2	282.4	1,357.0	314.9	3,577.6	28,654
1998	4,737.7	2,020.4	272.9	1,309.6	437.9	2,717.3	20,933
1999	4,751.7	2,110.7	324.3	1,137.4	649.0	2,641.0	18,978
2000	4,444.1	2,083.4	285.9	1,269.9	527.6	2,360.6	15,346
Mar '00	993.0	507.4	60.2	312.1	135.1	485.6	3,310
Mar '01	1,034.3	457.7	65.1	274.0	118.5	576.7	3,262

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

British Columbia

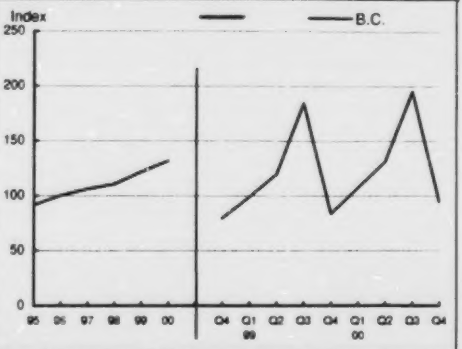
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7
Canada	1996	No data				
	1997	available				
	1998	for this				
	1999	table.				
	2000					

British Columbia 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,442,184.4	100.0%	76-149 Rooms	294,004.4	20.4%
Fishing lodges	15,646.8	1.1%	1-75 Rooms	196,991.1	13.7%
Hotels	1,105,188.7	76.6%	Motels	180,416.2	12.5%
250+ Rooms	425,571.1	29.5%	Vacation Rentals	88,680.9	6.1%
150-249 Rooms	188,622.2	13.1%	Miscellaneous	52,251.8	3.6%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

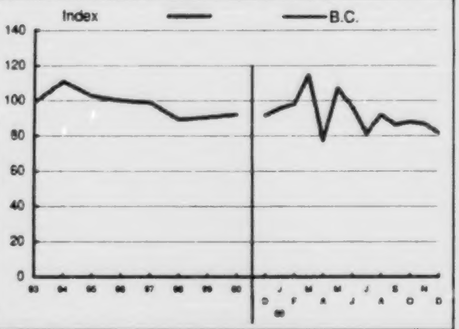


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	22,955
1994	25,774
1995	23,846
1996	23,237
1997	22,958
1998	20,759
1999	21,009
2000	21,386
Jan-Dec 99	21,009
Jan-Dec 00	21,386

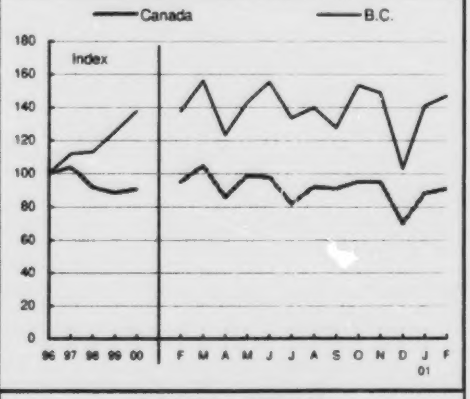
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



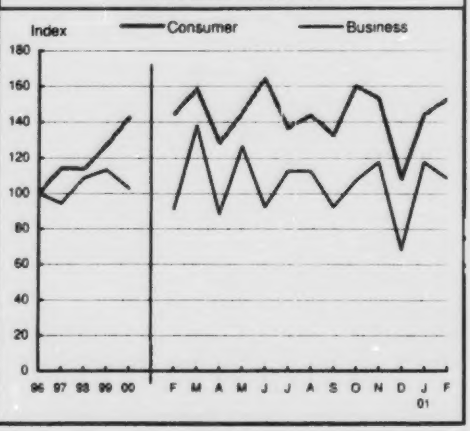
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	B.C.		Urban centres total		Non-urban B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	6,436	948	5,964	849	472	99
1997	7,366	895	6,720	775	646	120
1998	7,327	1,031	6,629	875	698	156
1999	8,179	1,075	7,325	905	854	170
2000	9,181	976	8,198	828	983	148
Jan-Feb 00	1,504	141	1,356	124	148	17
Jan-Feb 01	1,591	179	1,411	153	180	26

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

B.C. Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
British Columbia	Sep '98	6.7	9.7	7.6	5.6	3.0
	Dec '98	6.5	9.2	7.5	5.6	2.9
	Mar '99	6.6	9.3	7.7	5.6	2.9
	Jun '99	6.4	9.1	7.3	5.4	2.9
	Sep '99	6.1	8.9	6.8	5.2	2.9
	Dec '99	6.0	8.6	6.8	5.1	2.9
	Mar '00	6.1	8.7	7.1	5.1	2.9
	Jun '00	6.0	8.6	6.9	5.0	2.9
	Sep '00	5.8	8.4	6.6	4.8	2.9
	Dec '00	5.6	8.1	6.5	4.7	2.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

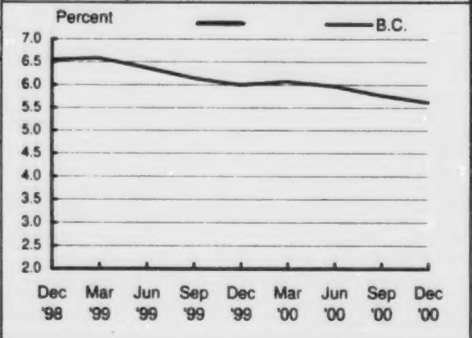
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	2.8	3.1	1.6	Sep '98
3.9	4.0	4.2	2.6	Dec '98
4.1	4.3	4.4	2.5	Mar '99
2.9	2.9	3.2	1.6	Jun '99
2.8	2.6	3.1	1.5	Sep '99
3.3	3.3	3.6	2.3	Dec '99
3.5	3.4	3.7	2.3	Mar '00
2.6	2.5	2.8	1.6	Jun '00
2.2	2.1	2.5	1.3	Sep '00

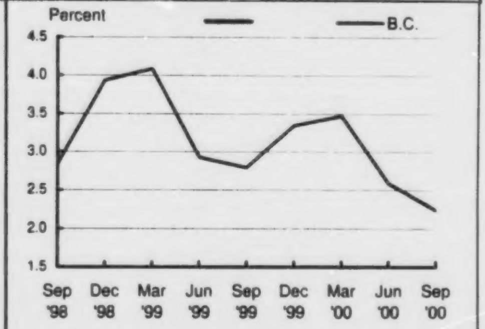
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	B.C.	Canada
Total Number of Recipients	194,881	no data available
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	41.2	no data available
1-2 Years	17.8	
>2 Years	41.1	

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipientsas % of Total Pop 0-64: Province of British Columbia



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

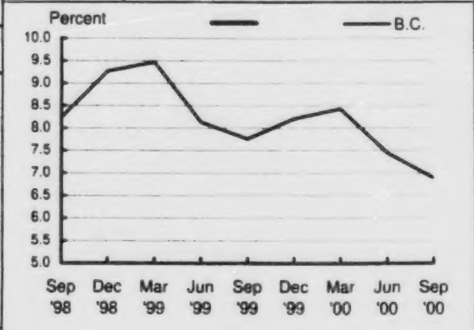
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
British Columbia	Sep '98	8.2	10.0	8.5	4.9
	Dec '98	9.3	11.1	9.6	5.9
	Mar '99	9.5	11.6	9.8	5.8
	Jun '99	8.1	10.0	8.5	4.8
	Sep '99	7.8	9.2	8.1	4.7
	Dec '99	8.2	9.7	8.5	5.4
	Mar '00	8.4	10.2	8.7	5.4
	Jun '00	7.4	9.2	7.7	4.6
	Sep '00	6.9	8.4	7.1	4.3

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Province of British Columbia



British Columbia

13 Demographics

The British Columbia population is getting larger and older. The major factor driving population growth is migration to British Columbia. The ageing of the population is caused by a long-term historical decline in fertility rates. The baby boom that occurred between the end of World War II and the mid-sixties helped delay the onset of the full effect of this ageing. As these "boomers" reach retirement age, the ageing of the population will accelerate. As the population ages, the rate of natural increase will fall, which means that migration will become an even greater part of population growth in the future.

14 Projection

Interprovincial migration levels have fallen substantially after several years of extremely large inflows. The provincial share of international migration has increased over the last few years and the higher levels are expected to be maintained for at least the short-term. As a result, population growth should persist, despite the drop in interprovincial migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

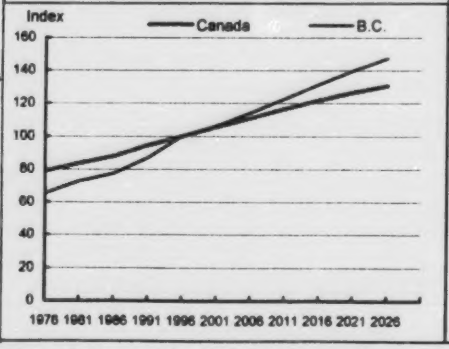
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	177.4	577.3	333.4	699.7	500.8	245.2	2,533.8	849.4	0.492	0.160	0.652	1976
1981	195.0	546.7	377.6	861.3	542.0	301.2	2,823.9	1,022.8	0.416	0.169	0.586	1981
1986	209.4	528.1	340.5	983.4	584.5	358.2	3,004.1	1,128.7	0.386	0.188	0.574	1986
1991	227.9	577.6	326.2	1,146.1	666.9	428.6	3,373.4	1,270.5	0.377	0.200	0.577	1991
1996	242.4	662.5	361.3	1,291.8	837.3	486.9	3,882.0	1,465.9	0.363	0.196	0.559	1996
2001	219.5	675.2	384.2	1,282.2	1,017.8	540.4	4,120.6	1,627.7	0.333	0.201	0.535	2001
2006	224.3	666.3	419.3	1,282.8	1,235.5	600.5	4,428.8	1,820.4	0.303	0.204	0.508	2006
2011	239.7	655.5	437.8	1,316.5	1,421.6	690.2	4,761.2	2,023.8	0.282	0.217	0.499	2011
2016	255.9	668.5	437.6	1,389.9	1,502.8	843.3	5,098.0	2,218.8	0.278	0.253	0.531	2016
2021	264.6	707.3	421.2	1,477.9	1,528.1	1,019.9	5,418.9	2,388.1	0.284	0.298	0.581	2021
2026	267.6	743.3	435.3	1,516.5	1,543.4	1,209.7	5,715.8	2,550.9	0.289	0.346	0.635	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

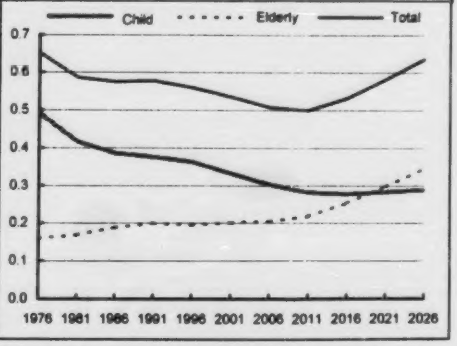
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

QRS

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Capital, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, Powell River, Mount Waddington, Central Coast

Outside of the Capital region, forestry is by far the dominant economic activity in this region. In some areas, fishing is as important as the forest sector, but on the whole, the forest sector is what drives the economy. Within the Capital region, the public sector and services related to tourism and retirement are the main economic drivers. Victoria's status as the provincial capital means that the bulk of the government sector is located within Greater Victoria.

Since the forest sector is so important to this region's economy, developments in forestry will have significant effects on the population of the region. Many of the Timber Supply Areas and Tree Farm Licenses in this region are experiencing reductions to the Allowable Annual Cut. The Clayoquot Sound area is one of the more publicized reductions, but there are other areas that have also experienced cuts to the timber supply in the form of AAC reductions. These reductions could lead to job loss, particularly if alternative fibre sources cannot be found and processing facilities in the region are forced to shut down.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Vancouver Island/Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	20,402	22,753	1,802	692	128	25,375	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,227	1,315	99	44	7	1,465	5.8%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	59	50	0	4	1	55	0.2%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	13	15	2	3	1	21	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	3,820	2,821	154	34	1	3,010	11.9%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	768	1,032	114	54	14	1,214	4.8%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	732	952	54	14	0	1,020	4.0%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	1,669	3,098	232	109	12	3,451	13.6%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	879	871	51	16	11	949	3.7%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	182	205	41	10	3	259	1.0%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	1,135	615	68	29	6	718	2.8%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,918	966	66	17	0	1,049	4.1%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2,560	2,541	130	22	1	2,694	10.6%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	860	420	24	11	0	455	1.8%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	895	1,029	70	26	4	1,129	4.4%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	135	243	19	17	17	296	1.2%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	212	2,591	147	83	20	2,841	11.2%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	354	414	44	15	3	476	1.9%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	701	1,538	398	143	3	2,082	8.2%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,280	1,894	61	14	0	1,969	7.8%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	3	143	28	27	24	222	0.9%	0.5%	850

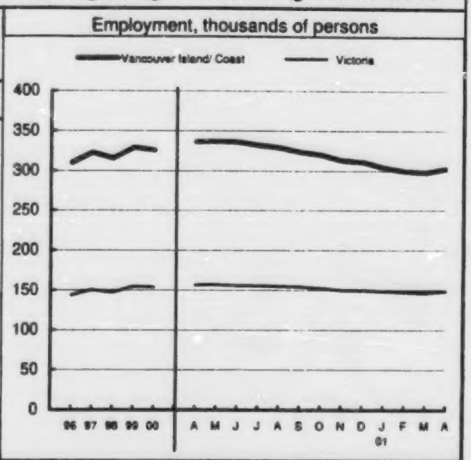
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

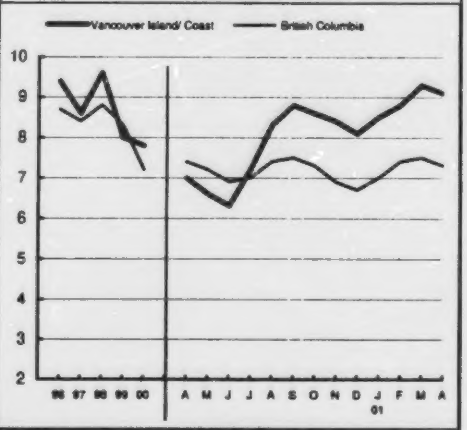
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991				134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	333.4	7.5	155.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	299.8	9.2	147.0	5.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	-10.1		-5.3		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



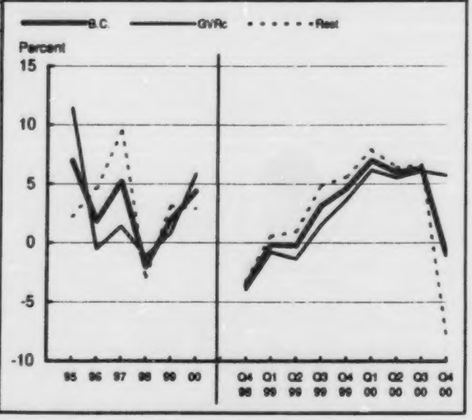
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,652.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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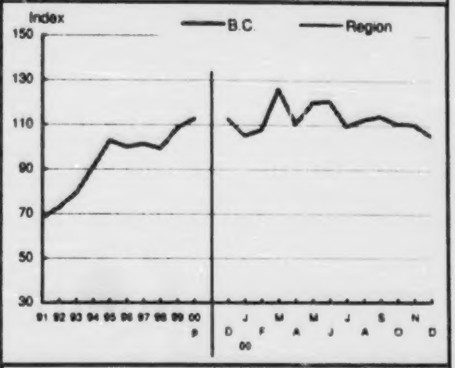
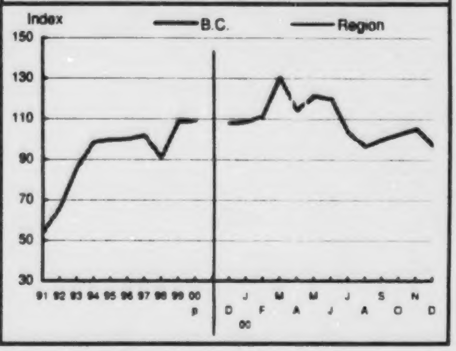
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	40	42	35	41	42
25	Wood	86	83	91	119	110
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	31	30	35	46	43
30	Metal Fabricating	60	55	62	79	71
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	427	423	472	559	540
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	••	••	••	••	••
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	••
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	••	••	••	••	••
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	••
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	••	••	••	••	••
25	Wood	••	••	••	••	••
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	••	••	••	••	••
30	Metal Fabricating	••	••	••	••	••
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	••	••	••	••	••

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

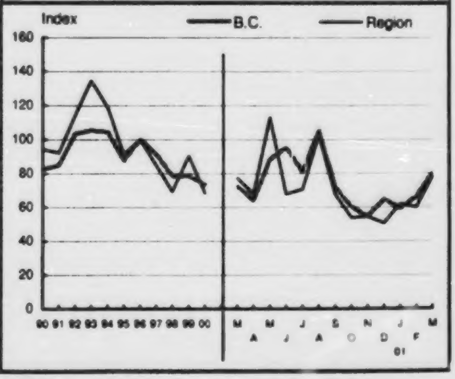


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	1,139.5	357.7	13.5	143.4	201.2	781.7	8,473
1994	1,006.9	255.6	21.4	169.3	64.9	751.3	7,679
1995	771.7	299.0	40.5	128.3	130.2	472.7	3,899
1996	848.6	274.0	17.4	189.0	67.6	574.6	5,097
1997	718.6	237.8	13.3	168.3	56.2	480.9	3,849
1998	586.6	241.1	29.9	142.1	69.1	345.5	2,752
1999	766.4	406.1	34.1	169.9	202.0	360.3	2,823
2000	579.7	274.1	29.3	146.0	98.9	305.6	1,920
Mar '00	122.1	59.5	9.6	22.9	27.0	62.6	386
Mar '01	141.0	67.5	13.9	34.1	19.4	73.5	467

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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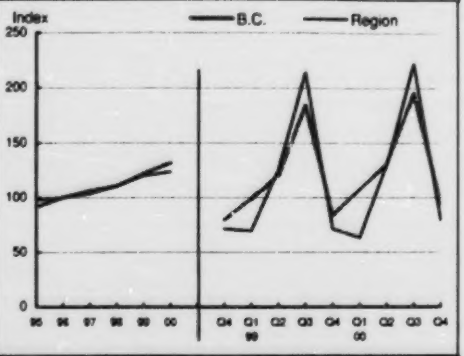
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	1996	198,896.6	26,868.5	53,526.2	89,797.3	28,704.5
	1997	205,480.2	27,791.5	53,741.5	93,646.1	30,301.2
	1998	219,676.9	29,608.9	56,943.8	97,744.2	35,380.0
	1999	238,389.2	34,522.1	62,216.9	106,259.8	35,390.3
	2000	245,527.3	31,374.9	64,491.5	110,231.8	39,429.1
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Vanc. Isl./Coast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	245,527.3	100.0%	1-75 Rooms	52,021.3	21.2%
Fishing lodges	8,821.8	3.6%	Motels	33,783.0	13.8%
Hotels	161,540.9	65.8%	Vacation Rentals	23,674.4	9.6%
150+ Rooms	63,425.7	25.8%	Miscellaneous	17,707.1	7.2%
76-149 Rooms	46,094.0	18.8%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

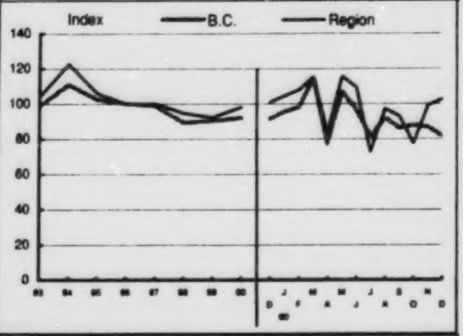


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	2,675
1994	3,154
1995	2,723
1996	2,573
1997	2,571
1998	2,434
1999	2,372
2000	2,523
Jan-Dec 99	2,372
Jan-Dec 00	2,523

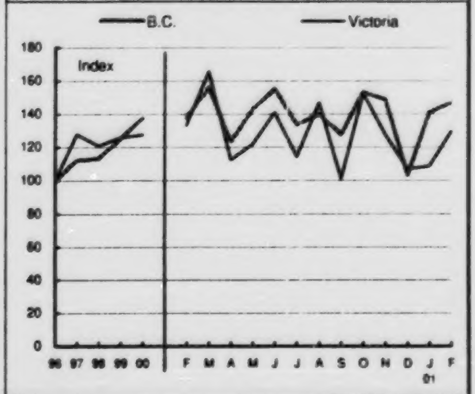
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



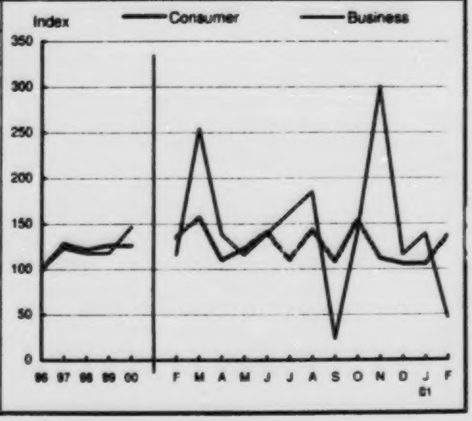
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria		Nanaimo		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	579	52	211	25	6,436	948
1997	742	64	263	20	7,366	895
1998	701	61	319	43	7,327	1,031
1999	733	61	375	35	8,179	1,075
2000	728	76	363	48	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	119	8	67	5	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	117	8	70	5	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Victoria Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Sep '98	7.9	11.4	11.1	6.7	3.5
	Dec '98	7.8	10.8	11.1	6.7	3.4
	Mar '99	8.0	11.0	11.7	6.9	3.3
	Jun '99	7.7	10.7	11.1	6.6	3.3
	Sep '99	7.4	10.6	10.4	6.3	3.3
	Dec '99	7.2	10.1	10.3	6.2	3.3
	Mar '00	7.4	10.2	11.1	6.3	3.3
	Jun '00	7.3	10.2	10.7	6.1	3.3
	Sep '00	7.1	10.0	10.2	6.0	3.3
	Dec '00	6.9	9.6	10.1	5.9	3.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

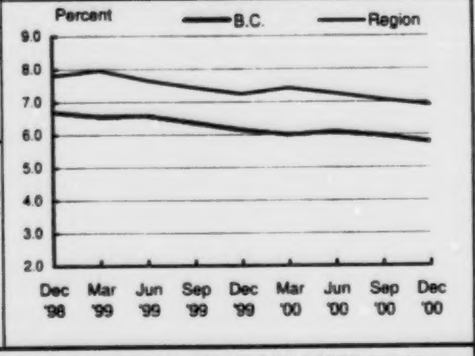
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '98	3.0	3.2	3.3	1.5
Dec '98	4.4	4.6	4.8	2.2
Mar '99	4.2	4.4	4.7	2.0
Jun '99	2.7	2.8	3.0	1.3
Sep '99	2.6	2.5	2.9	1.3
Dec '99	3.4	3.7	3.7	1.9
Mar '00	3.4	3.7	3.7	1.8
Jun '00	2.4	2.4	2.7	1.2
Sep '00	2.1	2.0	2.3	1.2

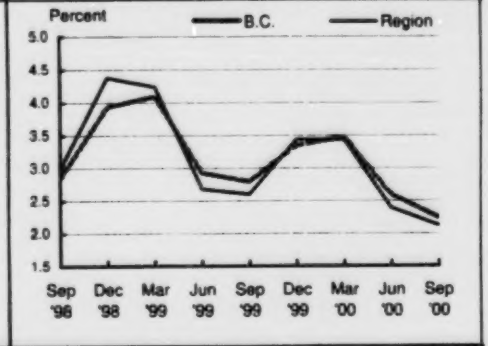
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	41,115	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.9	41.2
1-2 Years	18.2	17.8
>2 Years	39.0	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

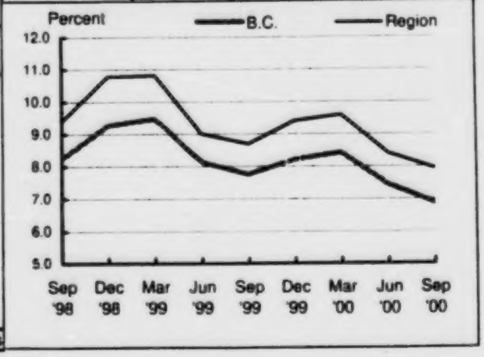
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Sep '98	9.4	13.8	9.8	4.2
	Dec '98	10.8	15.2	11.3	5.1
	Mar '99	10.8	15.6	11.3	4.9
	Jun '99	9.0	13.5	9.3	4.1
	Sep '99	8.7	12.5	9.1	4.1
	Dec '99	9.4	13.5	9.7	4.8
	Mar '00	9.6	14.3	9.9	4.7
	Jun '00	8.4	12.8	8.6	4.1
	Sep '00	7.9	11.9	8.2	3.9

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Vancouver Island/Coast

Development Region

13 Demographics

There are several retirement communities located in this region such as in the Victoria and Qualicum areas, and this is likely why the median age of the population is significantly higher than the provincial median. This is reflected in the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64), which is significantly higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the gender ratio is biased in favour of females, even more so than for the province as a whole, and this may also be due to the older population (i.e., since women tend to live longer than men).

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) in this region is declining and will likely become negative in the next couple of years; however, net migration to the region is expected to remain at high levels, which will more than compensate for any losses due to a negative natural increase. As a result, this region will continue to experience strong population growth throughout the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

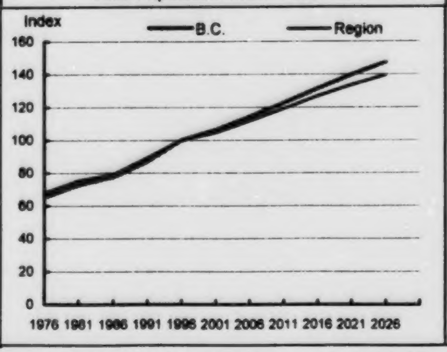
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	31.7	106.2	62.2	121.9	99.3	55.1	476.4	165.1	0.487	0.194	0.681	1976
1981	34.9	99.7	68.2	153.4	106.5	68.1	530.8	200.0	0.410	0.208	0.618	1981
1986	36.8	95.7	58.8	172.4	111.6	81.7	557.0	218.0	0.387	0.238	0.625	1986
1991	39.9	105.2	55.9	201.1	127.7	99.2	629.0	249.7	0.377	0.258	0.635	1991
1996	40.6	118.6	60.1	218.4	158.8	109.9	706.4	263.4	0.364	0.251	0.615	1996
2001	35.9	118.2	63.0	211.8	189.6	118.8	737.1	304.2	0.332	0.256	0.587	2001
2006	37.5	114.9	70.3	210.1	227.3	129.1	789.1	332.0	0.300	0.254	0.554	2006
2011	39.9	112.7	72.3	215.4	256.0	145.8	842.1	365.8	0.281	0.268	0.549	2011
2016	42.2	115.3	70.8	226.5	265.8	174.0	894.5	397.4	0.280	0.309	0.589	2016
2021	43.2	121.0	67.9	238.3	266.2	205.3	942.0	422.4	0.287	0.359	0.646	2021
2026	43.9	125.6	69.8	243.5	264.8	236.2	983.8	445.3	0.293	0.409	0.702	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

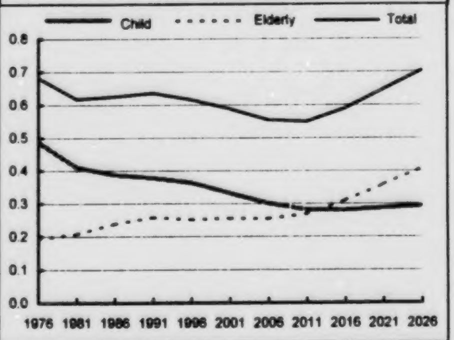
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast, Squamish-Lillooet

This region encompasses the economic heart of the province. The Greater Vancouver region has an extensive manufacturing, trade and service base and many of the areas surrounding Vancouver depend on its economic activities. In the regions furthest from Vancouver, forestry and agriculture are the main economic drivers. Tourism is also gaining in importance, particularly in the Whistler area.

The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. The plan will affect the growth patterns and the distribution of the population within the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mainland/Southwest							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	83,364	76,950	7,563	3,220	531	88,264	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	2,274	2,419	192	83	8	2,702	3.1%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	539	347	37	18	2	404	0.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	51	38	6	6	7	57	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	13,477	8,129	630	194	17	8,970	10.2%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	2,782	4,480	908	403	65	5,856	6.6%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	4,960	6,824	611	190	12	7,637	8.7%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	5,690	8,195	717	308	67	9,287	10.5%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	3,855	3,312	269	139	36	3,756	4.3%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,343	1,218	153	96	16	1,483	1.7%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	6,445	3,058	338	157	28	3,581	4.1%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12,886	3,894	313	115	14	4,336	4.9%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	12,201	9,885	643	243	26	10,797	12.2%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	4,137	1,860	222	111	2	2,195	2.5%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	3,850	3,885	361	167	22	4,435	5.0%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	524	850	130	41	30	1,051	1.2%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	660	6,646	388	202	65	7,301	8.3%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,462	1,122	111	96	20	1,349	1.5%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,227	4,242	1,218	522	34	6,016	6.8%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	3,999	6,419	282	84	23	6,808	7.7%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	2	127	34	45	37	243	0.3%	0.5%	850

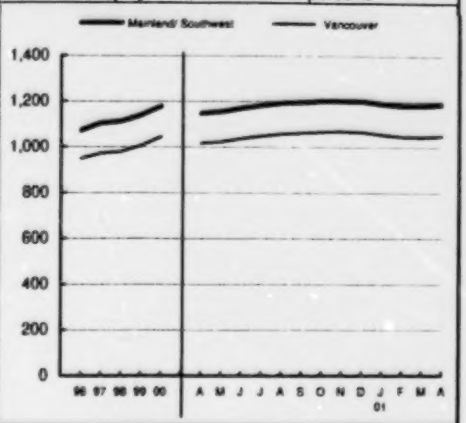
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

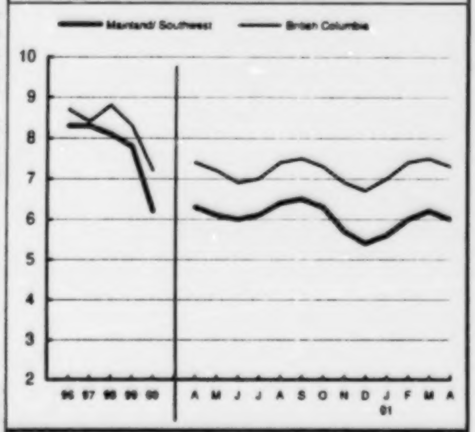
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991				832.8	8.5	1,572.6	10.1
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,143.3	7.1	1,005.7	6.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,147.2	6.8	1,011.5	6.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,143.8	6.7	1,011.8	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,147.2	6.3	1,017.3	6.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,153.4	6.1	1,023.1	5.8	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,169.1	6.0	1,036.6	5.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,181.9	6.1	1,048.4	5.9	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,192.9	6.4	1,058.3	6.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,196.1	6.5	1,062.3	6.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,202.1	6.3	1,066.7	6.1	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,202.5	5.7	1,069.3	5.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,202.5	5.4	1,067.2	5.2	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	1,144.5	6.6	1,013.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	1,183.2	6.1	1,046.1	6.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	3.4		3.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



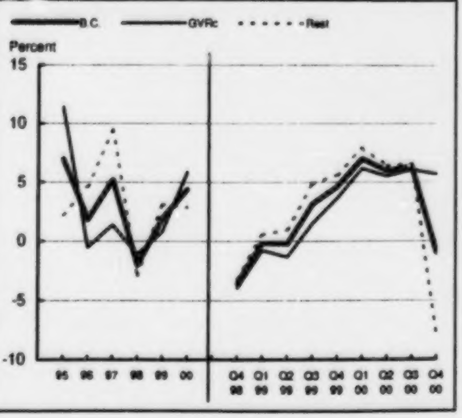
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

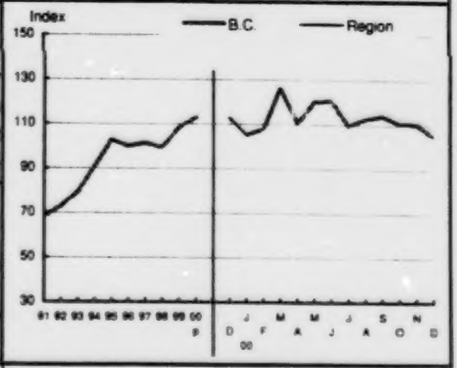


Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

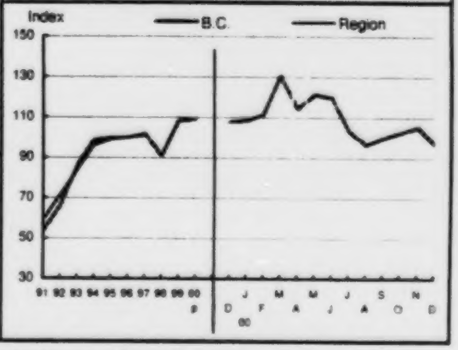
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	222	212	217	242	241
25	Wood	278	271	269	312	297
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	81	80	80	84	84
30	Metal Fabricating	349	345	373	439	432
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,451	2,361	2,607	2,916	2,815
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	2,983.9	3,078.4	3,109.8	3,136.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	1,366.2	1,458.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	14,283	14,150	13,201	13,395
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	8,178	8,925
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	569.6	594.3	568.3	570.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	327.1	359.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

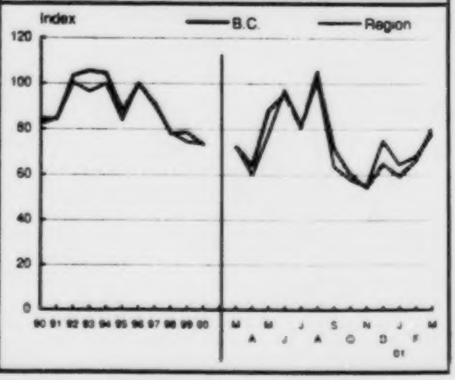


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	3,969.5	1,173.0	94.6	587.3	491.0	2,796.5	24,158
1994	4,107.3	1,143.7	91.2	721.6	330.9	2,963.6	24,283
1995	3,452.3	1,236.7	126.2	680.1	430.4	2,215.6	16,495
1996	4,113.6	1,303.5	175.0	823.8	304.6	2,810.1	20,275
1997	3,708.2	1,310.7	183.7	953.3	173.6	2,397.6	18,440
1998	3,236.3	1,414.9	189.2	944.3	281.4	1,821.4	13,115
1999	3,061.9	1,304.9	231.0	749.5	324.4	1,757.0	11,496
2000	3,029.7	1,412.9	185.1	929.3	298.4	1,616.8	10,024
Mar '00	737.1	383.9	26.7	257.4	99.9	353.1	2,376
Mar '01	720.2	290.4	43.3	176.8	70.3	429.8	2,217

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Mainland/Southwest
Development Region

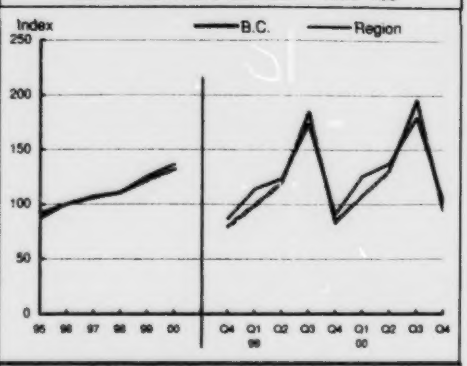
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	1996	621,443.8	129,586.2	156,412.0	219,882.4	115,563.1
	1997	665,314.1	132,055.5	170,404.2	234,069.5	128,784.9
	1998	686,970.2	144,376.1	164,343.2	243,479.4	134,771.4
	1999	778,152.8	176,701.5	191,542.8	268,675.0	141,233.5
	2000	846,264.6	194,821.6	213,152.4	278,662.6	159,628.0
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Mainland/SW 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	846,264.6	100.0%	Motels	32,103.7	3.8%
Hotels	767,362.2	90.7%	Vacation Rentals	33,396.4	3.9%
150+ Rooms	528,796.1	62.5%			
76-149 Rooms	164,559.6	19.4%			
1-75 Rooms	74,006.4	8.7%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

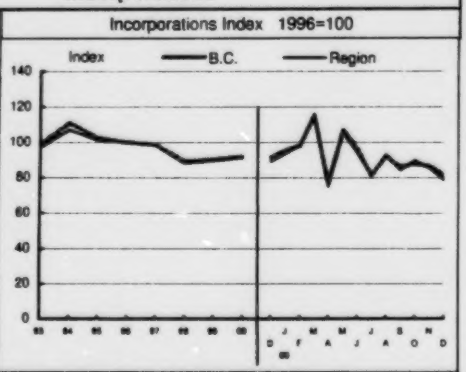


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	16,873
1994	18,638
1995	17,599
1996	17,397
1997	17,099
1998	15,320
1999	15,578
2000	15,862
Jan-Dec 99	15,578
Jan-Dec 00	15,862

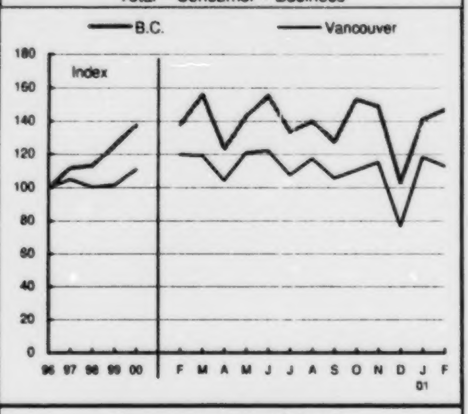
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



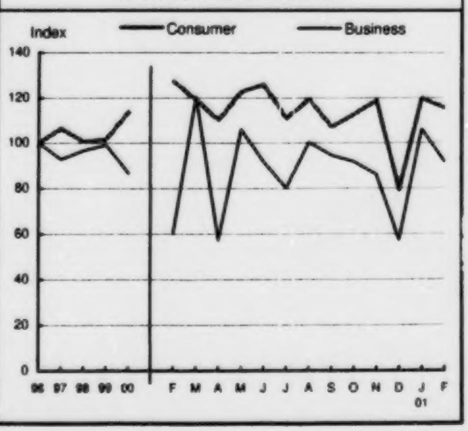
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver		Matsqui		Chilliwack	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	3,374	419	209	34	117	20
1997	3,593	389	318	38	145	23
1998	3,399	405	308	37	147	27
1999	3,428	415	397	68	193	24
2000	3,842	363	487	45	213	22
Jan-Feb 00	675	54	82	13	37	2
Jan-Feb 01	662	69	86	10	31	3

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vancouver Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Sep '98	6.1	8.9	5.9	5.2	2.6
	Dec '98	5.9	8.5	5.6	5.1	2.5
	Mar '99	5.8	8.4	5.6	5.0	2.5
	Jun '99	5.6	8.2	5.2	4.8	2.5
	Sep '99	5.4	8.0	5.0	4.6	2.5
	Dec '99	5.2	7.8	4.8	4.5	2.5
	Mar '00	5.2	7.7	4.9	4.5	2.5
	Jun '00	5.1	7.6	4.8	4.3	2.5
	Sep '00	4.9	7.4	4.6	4.1	2.5
	Dec '00	4.8	7.1	4.5	4.0	2.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

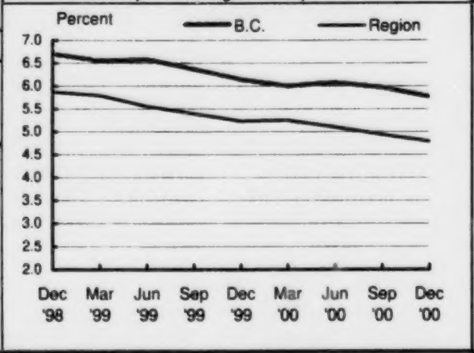
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.5	2.2	2.8	1.6	Sep '98
3.3	2.9	3.5	2.6	Dec '98
3.4	3.2	3.6	2.4	Mar '99
2.5	2.3	2.8	1.5	Jun '99
2.5	2.1	2.7	1.4	Sep '99
2.9	2.5	3.1	2.3	Dec '99
2.9	2.5	3.1	2.2	Mar '00
2.3	2.0	2.5	1.5	Jun '00
2.0	1.7	2.2	1.2	Sep '00

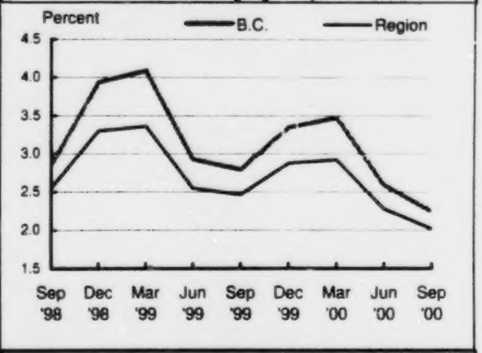
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	96,321	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	36.1	41.2
1-2 Years	17.5	17.8
>2 Years	46.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

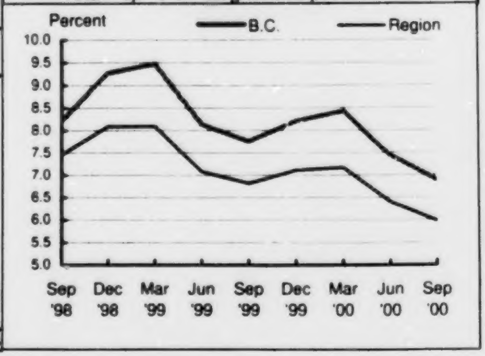
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Sep '98	7.5	7.9	7.8	5.1
	Dec '98	8.1	8.3	8.4	6.1
	Mar '99	8.1	8.5	8.4	5.8
	Jun '99	7.1	7.3	7.4	4.8
	Sep '99	6.8	6.9	7.2	4.6
	Dec '99	7.1	7.1	7.4	5.5
	Mar '00	7.2	7.3	7.5	5.4
	Jun '00	6.4	6.6	6.7	4.6
	Sep '00	6.0	6.1	6.3	4.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Mainland/Southwest

Development Region

13 Demographics

This region comprises well over half the provincial population, despite being the smallest in terms of land mass. As a result, the demographic characteristics of the region's population are similar to those of British Columbia as a whole.

This region receives close to 90 per cent of immigrants moving to British Columbia, and over half of all interprovincial in-migrants. As a result, when the province experiences high levels of net migration, this region also experiences significant population growth.

14 Projection

It is expected that migration to British Columbia, both from international and interprovincial sources, will remain high throughout most of the projection period, although for interprovincial migration, at least, the levels will be much less than those experienced in the last few years, and in the short-term there will be net outflows of interprovincial migrants. As a result of the substantial inflows of migrants, this region will continue to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	85.5	282.9	177.9	381.0	276.7	139.4	1,343.3	464.4	0.441	0.167	0.608	1976
1981	93.5	264.2	199.7	463.0	295.9	167.4	1,483.7	550.4	0.373	0.175	0.548	1981
1986	108.4	263.2	193.7	553.3	321.3	195.9	1,635.9	622.5	0.348	0.183	0.531	1986
1991	125.4	301.2	191.4	669.1	367.5	230.2	1,884.9	706.6	0.347	0.187	0.535	1991
1996	137.8	354.3	212.8	769.8	466.4	258.6	2,199.7	817.3	0.340	0.178	0.518	1996
2001	137.4	375.2	222.1	802.3	576.7	285.2	2,398.8	926.1	0.320	0.178	0.498	2001
2006	146.0	388.6	242.1	838.8	704.6	317.6	2,637.8	1,043.0	0.299	0.178	0.477	2006
2011	157.2	400.0	253.4	872.9	819.4	367.9	2,870.7	1,160.3	0.286	0.189	0.475	2011
2016	168.8	419.6	260.7	916.6	884.9	456.0	3,106.6	1,276.6	0.285	0.221	0.506	2016
2021	177.3	448.2	262.3	963.5	927.3	555.6	3,334.1	1,381.4	0.290	0.258	0.549	2021
2026	184.0	475.5	275.6	993.2	960.9	663.6	3,552.9	1,482.8	0.296	0.298	0.593	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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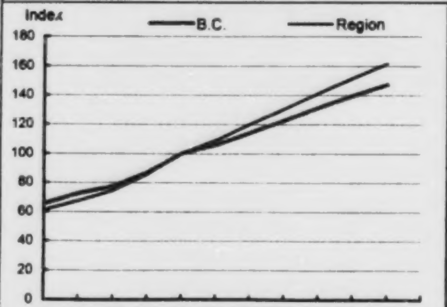
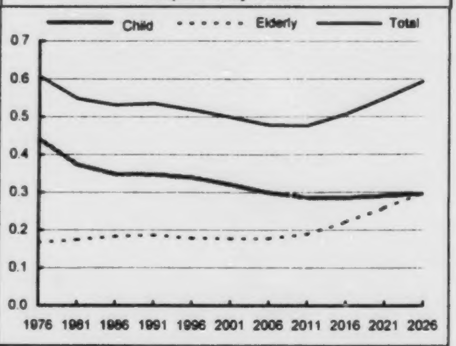


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Thompson/Okanagan
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap

The main economic drivers in this region are forestry, tourism and agriculture. This region contains the most productive agricultural areas within the province. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. Mining is also an important industry, particularly in the Kamloops area, where the largest mine in the province, the Highland Valley Mines, is located.

Developments in the resource sectors will affect the population flows to and from this region. Four major mines have closed in this region in the last few years due either to ore depletion or poor metal prices. Although the impact of these closures on a regional basis will probably be small, the local impacts could be significant. The Highland Valley Mines is projected to close sometime around 2008 and will have the most significant impact in terms of job loss and population movement.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson/Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	14,681	18,141	1,445	494	58	20,138	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,213	1,986	72	20	3	2,081	10.3%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	73	87	2	2	2	93	0.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	30	31	3	3	0	37	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	2,910	2,411	141	37	0	2,589	12.9%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	570	868	140	66	11	1,085	5.4%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	645	889	65	10	0	964	4.8%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	1,220	2,208	189	68	4	2,469	12.3%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	761	799	36	20	0	855	4.2%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	101	128	23	8	0	159	0.8%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	868	503	51	13	3	570	2.8%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,003	842	40	13	0	895	4.4%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	1,248	1,383	54	7	0	1,444	7.2%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	612	383	57	16	1	457	2.3%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	545	831	47	7	1	886	4.4%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	72	149	8	16	10	183	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	126	1,465	97	53	13	1,628	8.1%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	193	328	45	14	3	390	1.9%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	580	1,209	314	98	6	1,627	8.1%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	909	1,522	37	8	0	1,567	7.8%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	2	119	24	15	1	159	0.8%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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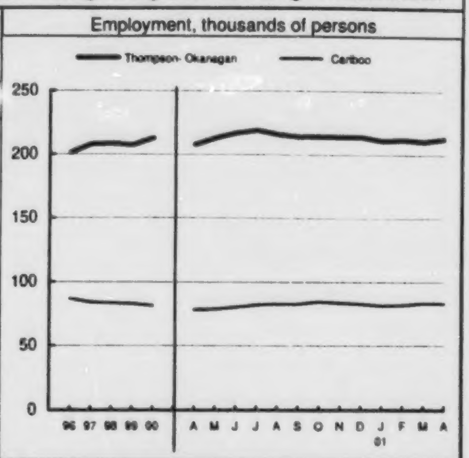
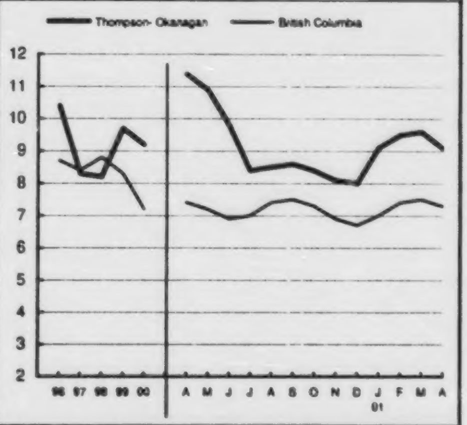
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	62.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	206.8	10.8	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	211.3	9.5	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	2.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



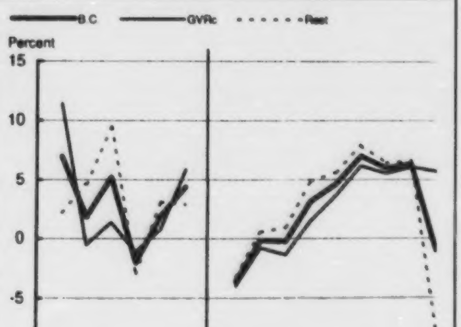
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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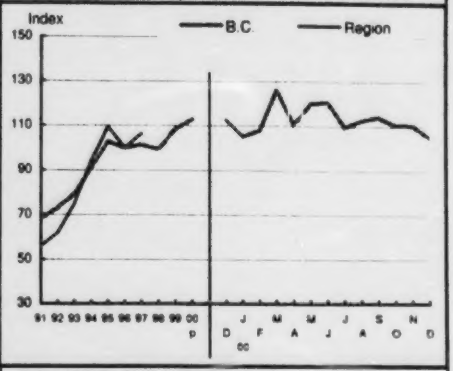
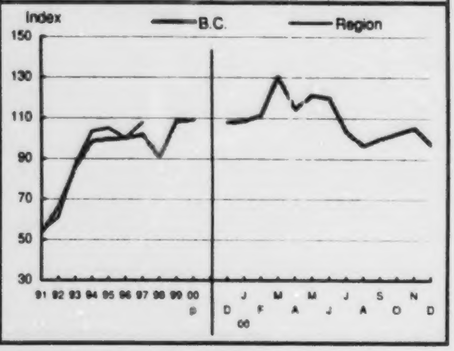
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	23	21	23	24	21
25	Wood	99	97	92	114	113
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	42	42	53	54
30	Metal Fabricating	54	56	62	74	73
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	375	378	414	464	451
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	117.2	113.8	119.5	219.0	129.5
25	Wood	1,288.7	1,531.0	1,556.4	1,481.7	1,597.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	380.7	615.9	631.4	627.2	660.8
30	Metal Fabricating	80.6	98.7	121.6	135.5	137.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,557.3	3,223.7	3,737.3	3,418.4	3,635.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	585	617	542	636	374
25	Wood	6,111	6,800	6,287	5,885	6,231
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,705	2,498	2,400	2,188	2,273
30	Metal Fabricating	903	931	1,085	1,115	1,207
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	14,223	15,801	16,256	15,640	16,320
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	17.0	17.5	19.7	23.7	12.3
25	Wood	248.6	292.2	289.3	277.2	303.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	74.0	108.0	109.8	102.1	118.5
30	Metal Fabricating	27.7	29.3	37.5	40.0	42.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	538.1	620.7	669.0	645.2	683.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

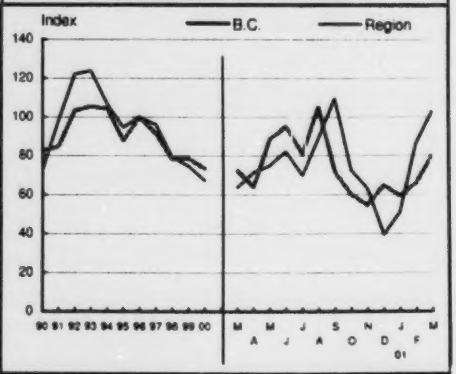


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	734.8	196.4	21.1	100.4	74.9	538.4	5,810
1994	633.4	161.6	24.0	106.7	30.9	471.9	4,690
1995	561.4	207.2	30.6	116.7	59.9	354.2	3,545
1996	593.3	213.7	19.3	113.7	80.6	379.7	3,853
1997	569.3	183.3	46.6	100.9	35.8	386.0	3,607
1998	470.5	202.9	26.5	130.0	46.4	267.7	2,475
1999	442.6	182.3	18.4	101.4	62.5	260.3	2,382
2000	399.6	182.4	30.6	97.2	54.6	217.2	1,744
Mar '00	67.6	25.9	2.9	19.5	3.5	41.7	321
Mar '01	118.6	70.5	3.0	52.0	15.6	48.0	400

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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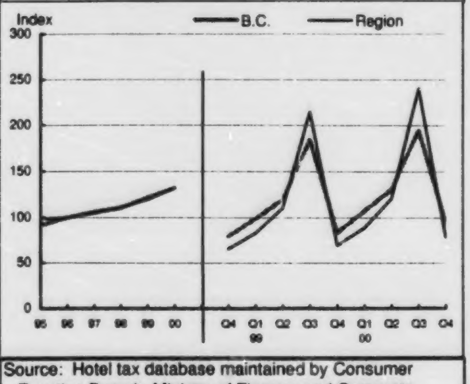
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	1996	139,958.4	22,329.7	34,151.6	63,058.0	20,419.2
	1997	146,520.0	23,199.8	35,178.1	66,289.1	21,852.9
	1998	155,799.5	24,991.7	37,596.0	70,365.9	22,845.9
	1999	166,895.0	29,008.3	38,557.5	75,051.6	24,277.6
	2000	184,905.6	31,112.6	42,182.0	84,040.0	27,571.0
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Thompson/Ok. 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	184,905.6	100.0%	Motels	57,554.9	31.1%
Fishing lodges	1,637.3	0.9%	Vacation Rentals	20,201.7	10.9%
Hotels	98,161.4	53.1%	Miscellaneous	7,350.4	4.0%
76+ Rooms	66,035.1	35.7%			
1-75 Rooms	32,126.3	17.4%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

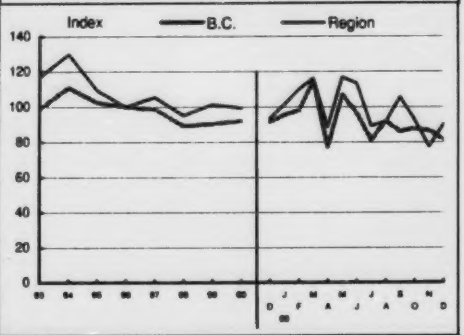


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	1,993
1994	2,216
1995	1,863
1996	1,706
1997	1,797
1998	1,622
1999	1,729
2000	1,695
Jan-Dec 99	1,729
Jan-Dec 00	1,695

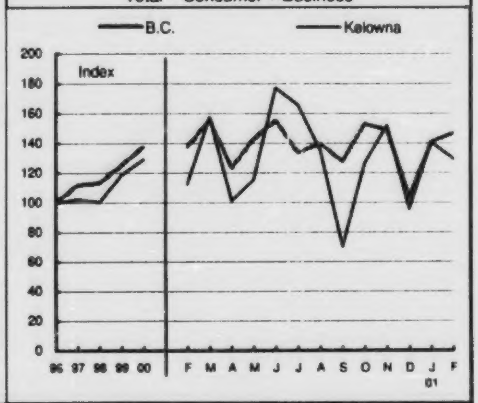
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



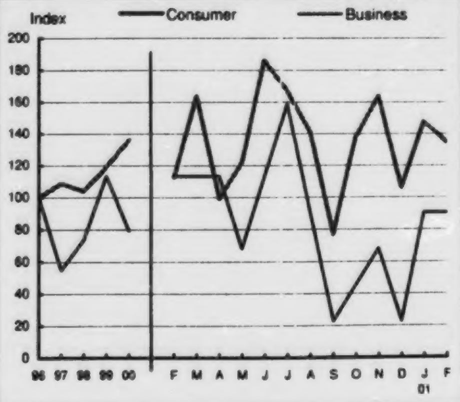
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna		Kamloops		Penticton	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	374	53	180	52	129	26
1997	407	29	206	42	155	12
1998	389	39	193	38	157	22
1999	446	60	213	41	176	13
2000	509	42	258	51	202	17
Jan-Feb 00	84	6	49	7	24	2
Jan-Feb 01	88	6	53	8	28	1

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kelowna Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '98	7.3	10.6	8.4	6.1	3.7
	Dec '98	7.1	9.9	8.6	6.2	3.4
	Mar '99	7.4	10.3	9.4	6.4	3.4
	Jun '99	7.2	10.2	8.9	6.2	3.4
	Sep '99	6.9	10.0	8.4	5.9	3.4
	Dec '99	6.9	9.8	8.9	6.0	3.4
	Mar '00	7.2	10.0	9.5	6.2	3.4
	Jun '00	7.0	9.9	9.2	6.0	3.4
	Sep '00	6.8	9.9	8.5	5.8	3.4
	Dec '00	6.7	9.4	8.5	5.8	3.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

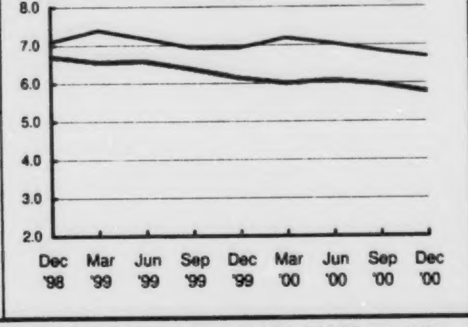
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.4	3.5	1.7	Sep '98
5.0	5.8	5.5	2.7	Dec '98
5.6	6.2	6.1	2.9	Mar '99
3.6	3.8	4.0	1.9	Jun '99
3.6	3.3	4.0	1.9	Sep '99
4.4	4.8	4.9	2.5	Dec '99
5.0	5.4	5.5	2.8	Mar '00
3.2	3.5	3.6	1.8	Jun '00
2.8	2.9	3.1	1.4	Sep '00

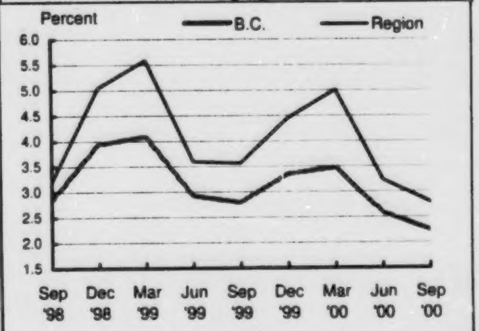
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	26,990	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.4	41.2
1-2 Years	18.1	17.8
>2 Years	34.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

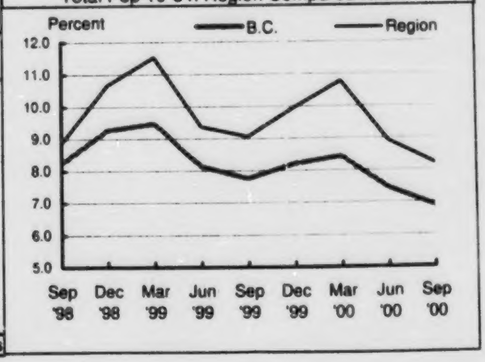
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Sep '98	8.9	11.5	9.4	4.6
	Dec '98	10.7	13.9	11.3	5.7
	Mar '99	11.5	15.2	12.2	5.9
	Jun '99	9.4	12.4	9.9	4.8
	Sep '99	9.1	11.4	9.7	4.7
	Dec '99	10.0	13.1	10.5	5.4
	Mar '00	10.8	14.5	11.3	5.8
	Jun '00	8.9	12.3	9.3	4.7
	Sep '00	8.2	11.1	8.7	4.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region experienced net outflows of migrants during the mid-eighties, probably due to the downturn in the forest sector at that time. Since then, net migration to the region has been high, contributing to strong population growth for the region. The median age of the population in this region is significantly higher than the provincial median, probably due to the substantial number of retirees located in the region. The proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also significantly higher than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The high net migration inflows to this region will likely begin to taper off somewhat, but should remain fairly strong throughout the projection period. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is falling, and will continue to fall, likely becoming negative in about 10 years. However, the strong inflows of migrants will more than compensate for any losses due to natural increase and this region will continue to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

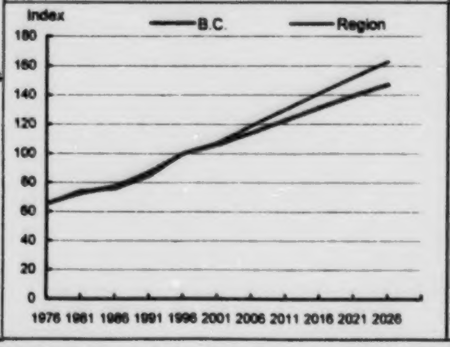
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	22.0	76.0	37.8	79.7	60.0	29.5	305.1	98.8	0.553	0.166	0.719	1976
1981	24.2	73.1	43.1	98.4	69.0	39.6	347.4	123.3	0.463	0.188	0.651	1981
1986	23.7	66.7	36.1	103.9	74.4	49.2	354.0	132.3	0.422	0.229	0.651	1986
1991	25.2	71.2	33.4	118.5	85.8	61.9	396.1	151.1	0.405	0.261	0.666	1991
1996	27.4	83.4	39.4	137.0	106.7	74.6	468.6	182.4	0.391	0.264	0.655	1996
2001	25.0	84.3	44.9	137.6	125.2	85.0	502.0	200.5	0.355	0.276	0.631	2001
2006	28.2	83.9	50.0	145.8	152.3	96.5	556.6	231.0	0.322	0.277	0.599	2006
2011	31.3	85.5	51.4	158.0	174.5	109.0	609.8	263.0	0.304	0.284	0.588	2011
2016	33.7	91.1	50.8	173.4	185.3	127.1	661.4	292.7	0.305	0.310	0.615	2016
2021	35.4	99.0	50.8	185.9	193.6	148.4	713.1	319.6	0.312	0.345	0.657	2021
2026	36.7	105.6	55.2	191.5	202.0	172.5	763.5	347.4	0.317	0.384	0.702	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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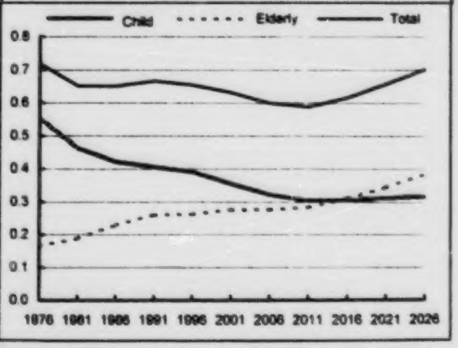

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Kootenay

Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay-Boundary

Mining and forestry are the main economic drivers in this region. The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry with five major coal mines located there. The Sullivan lead-zinc mine is another major mine in the region. The Cominco Smelter at Trail is a major employer in that area and construction related to hydro-electric projects is another important source of employment.

There are major hydro-electric projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost the employment base for this region. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and the Keenleyside and Brilliant dams are also set to be upgraded and expanded. Another major development that will affect this region is the impending shutdown of the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley. Restructuring of some of the coal mines as they begin to face depletion of reserves could also have a negative effect on the region over the long-term, although the area has good potential for new discoveries.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,769	5,723	343	145	34	6,245	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	366	542	23	12	0	577	9.2%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	27	28	2	1	5	36	0.6%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	9	15	2	0	1	18	0.3%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	698	692	27	7	0	726	11.6%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	156	257	24	14	8	303	4.9%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	145	215	14	3	0	232	3.7%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	402	808	42	18	0	868	13.9%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	190	292	16	1	0	309	4.9%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	25	69	5	1	0	75	1.2%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	159	104	13	4	1	122	2.0%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	443	219	8	0	1	228	3.7%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	308	410	12	1	0	423	6.8%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	114	73	4	2	0	79	1.3%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	147	222	8	2	0	232	3.7%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	21	51	3	5	9	68	1.1%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	27	427	36	35	5	503	8.1%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	52	173	14	10	2	199	3.2%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	192	523	76	18	2	619	9.9%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	286	532	8	0	0	540	8.6%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	2	71	6	11	0	88	1.4%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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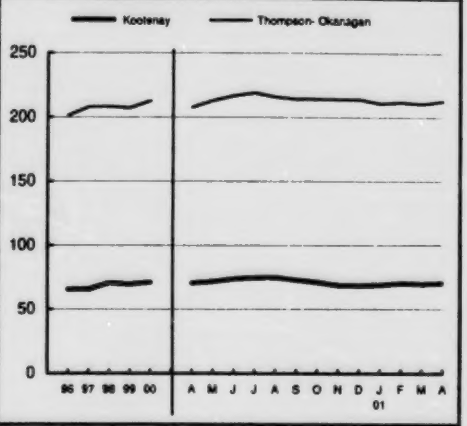
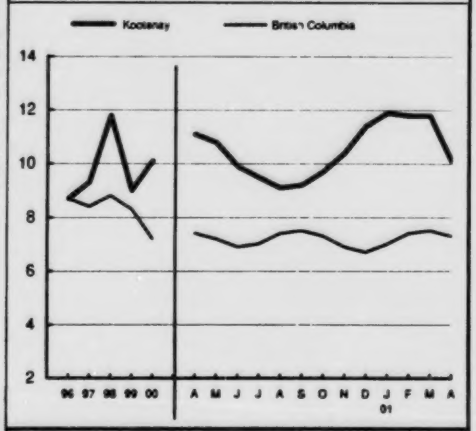
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay Emp. ('000)	Kootenay Unemp. %	Thompson-Okanagan Emp. ('000)	Thompson-Okanagan Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	67.4	9.6	204.1	9.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	68.5	10.1	204.9	9.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	69.6	10.1	206.0	10.3	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	70.5	11.1	207.6	11.4	1,919.7	7.4
	May	71.8	10.8	212.8	10.9	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	73.7	9.9	216.7	9.8	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	74.7	9.5	219.0	8.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	74.8	9.1	215.8	8.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	72.8	9.2	214.1	8.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	71.0	9.7	214.2	8.4	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	68.7	10.4	213.9	8.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	68.5	11.4	213.9	8.0	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	70.2	10.5	206.8	10.8	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	70.1	10.9	211.3	9.5	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	0.0		2.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



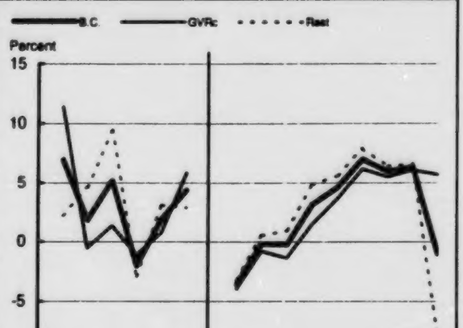
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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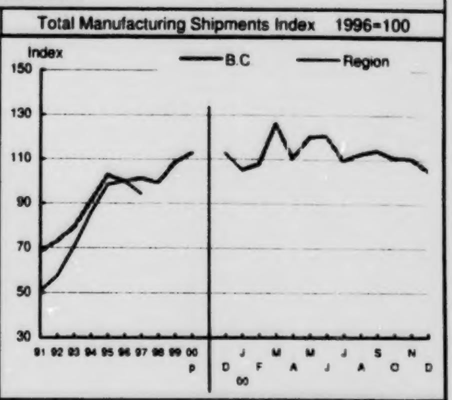
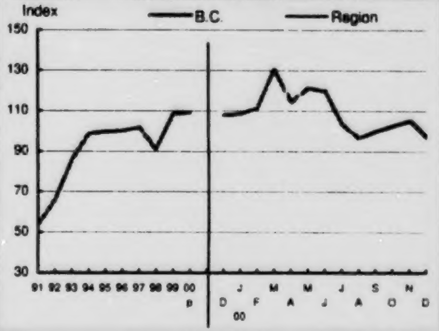
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	3	2
25	Wood	40	39	38	42	42
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	28	26	26	26	26
30	Metal Fabricating	7	7	9	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	91	90	102	113	108
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	736.4	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,145.1	1,393.0	1,601.6	1,626.4	1,535.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,642	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,509	6,778	6,558	6,582	6,590
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	122.5	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	291.1	308.0	325.6	324.1	352.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

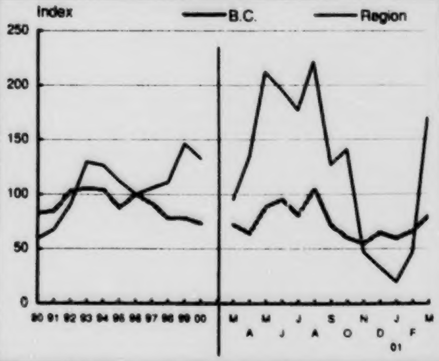


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	218.3	74.5	5.6	23.5	45.4	143.8	1,595
1994	213.1	56.0	7.6	31.0	17.5	157.1	1,558
1995	188.9	66.8	13.8	23.8	29.2	122.1	1,222
1996	168.5	52.4	8.9	37.2	6.3	116.1	1,231
1997	178.3	59.8	8.9	29.6	21.4	118.4	1,073
1998	186.9	55.3	7.0	34.8	13.6	131.6	1,252
1999	246.0	97.9	18.0	63.2	16.6	148.1	1,311
2000	223.6	89.9	27.7	44.2	18.0	133.7	1,052
Mar '00	43.0	25.6	19.4	2.6	3.6	17.4	152
Mar '01	33.1	14.5	3.4	2.2	8.9	18.6	140

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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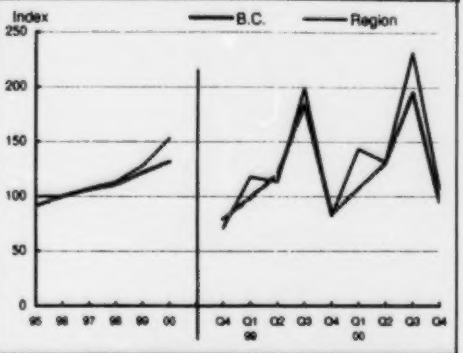
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay Dev. Region	1996	41,896.3	9,140.3	9,939.0	16,282.3	6,534.7
	1997	44,803.1	9,344.8	10,934.4	17,620.4	6,903.6
	1998	47,223.1	10,504.0	10,765.2	18,501.9	7,452.0
	1999	53,603.2	12,340.3	11,832.5	20,830.8	8,599.6
	2000	64,212.7	15,034.0	13,738.7	24,241.9	11,198.1
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Kootenay 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	64,212.7	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	8,640.2	13.5%
Hotels	26,433.5	41.2%			
76+ Rooms	11,219.2	17.5%			
1-75 Rooms	15,214.3	23.7%			
Motels	21,483.7	33.5%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

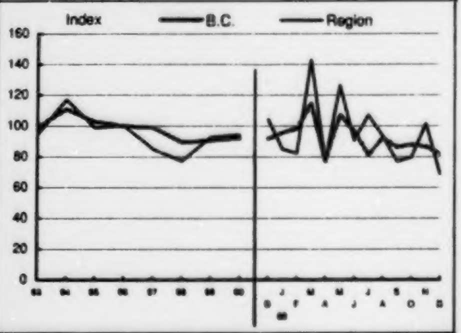


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	413
1994	512
1995	432
1996	438
1997	372
1998	338
1999	405
2000	412
Jan-Dec 99	405
Jan-Dec 00	412

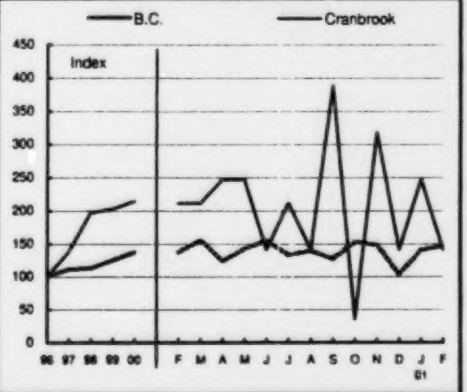
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



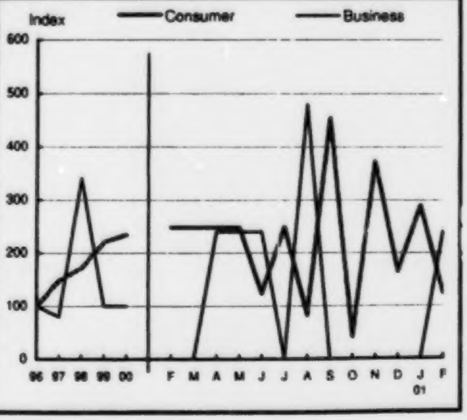
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	29	5	472	99	6,436	948
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	14	0	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	10	1	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Sep '98	7.0	9.9	9.0	5.8	3.6
	Dec '98	6.8	9.3	9.2	5.8	3.3
	Mar '99	7.0	9.7	9.2	6.0	3.3
	Jun '99	6.9	9.9	8.7	5.8	3.3
	Sep '99	6.5	9.5	7.6	5.5	3.3
	Dec '99	6.2	8.8	7.6	5.3	3.3
	Mar '00	6.4	9.1	8.1	5.5	3.3
	Jun '00	6.4	9.3	7.5	5.4	3.3
	Sep '00	6.1	9.0	7.1	5.1	3.3
	Dec '00	5.9	8.3	7.4	5.0	3.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

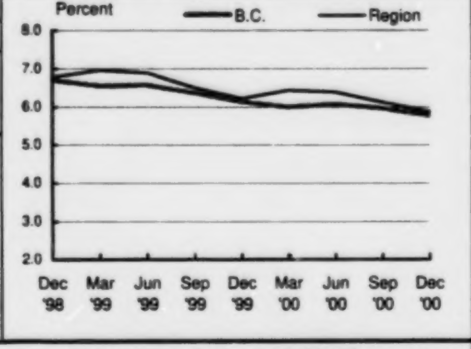
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.9	3.1	3.3	1.2	Sep '98
4.9	6.6	5.3	2.1	Dec '98
5.5	7.5	5.9	2.5	Mar '99
3.3	3.9	3.6	1.4	Jun '99
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.2	Sep '99
4.1	5.4	4.4	1.8	Dec '99
4.6	5.7	5.1	2.0	Mar '00
2.9	3.1	3.3	1.3	Jun '00
2.5	2.7	2.7	1.0	Sep '00

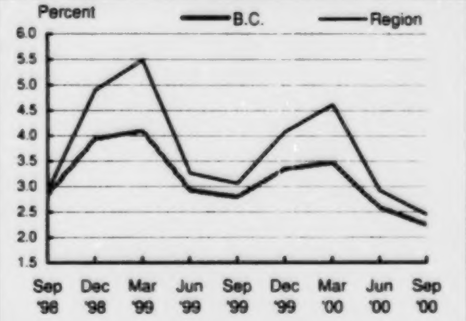
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,882	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.4	41.2
1-2 Years	17.3	17.8
>2 Years	34.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

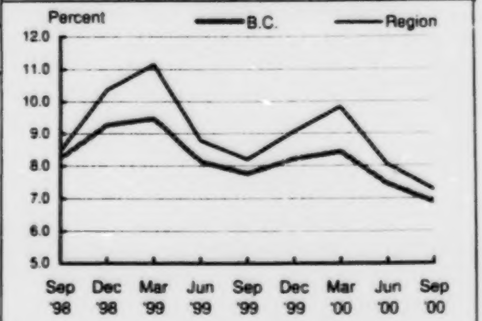
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Sep '98	8.5	11.7	8.9	4.2
	Dec '98	10.4	15.2	10.8	5.1
	Mar '99	11.1	16.3	11.6	5.4
	Jun '99	8.8	12.4	9.2	4.2
	Sep '99	8.2	10.6	8.8	3.9
	Dec '99	9.1	12.6	9.5	4.5
	Mar '00	9.8	13.5	10.4	4.7
	Jun '00	8.0	10.4	8.6	4.0
	Sep '00	7.3	9.6	7.7	3.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated jobs in the resource sectors is likely the reason for a gender ratio weighted in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Cutbacks in the mining sector and the mobility of construction workers have resulted in an age structure that is significantly different than the provincial average. Those workers who move are more likely to be young and single, leaving behind more mature couples with families. As a result, there is a significantly higher proportion of children in the regional population compared to the province as a whole, and the median age is higher than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., excess of births over deaths) for this region will likely become negative within 15 years, but the strong net migration will ensure continued population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

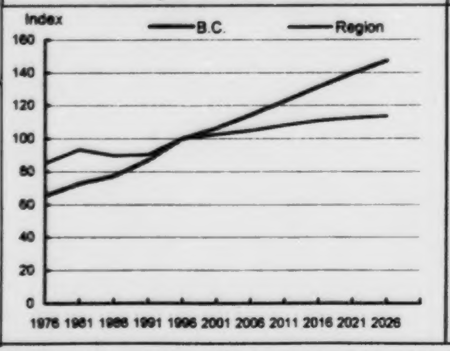
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	10.0	32.0	16.6	33.8	26.3	11.6	130.3	42.6	0.547	0.152	0.699	1976
1981	10.9	30.5	18.0	42.3	26.6	14.4	142.7	50.5	0.477	0.166	0.643	1981
1986	10.2	27.6	13.1	42.6	27.0	16.7	137.2	51.1	0.457	0.202	0.659	1986
1991	9.1	26.8	11.7	43.2	28.7	18.6	138.1	53.3	0.429	0.223	0.652	1991
1996	8.9	29.2	12.7	45.5	35.9	20.9	153.1	60.0	0.404	0.222	0.627	1996
2001	7.5	27.1	15.2	41.7	42.0	23.3	156.7	64.1	0.350	0.235	0.585	2001
2006	7.8	23.7	15.6	39.8	47.9	25.5	160.2	68.4	0.304	0.247	0.551	2006
2011	8.3	21.8	14.2	41.4	51.2	28.2	165.0	73.5	0.282	0.264	0.546	2011
2016	8.5	22.0	12.4	43.9	49.2	33.4	169.3	77.1	0.289	0.316	0.605	2016
2021	8.1	23.0	11.0	45.0	45.8	39.3	172.1	78.7	0.305	0.386	0.691	2021
2026	7.6	23.1	11.6	42.4	44.4	44.6	173.6	80.2	0.312	0.453	0.765	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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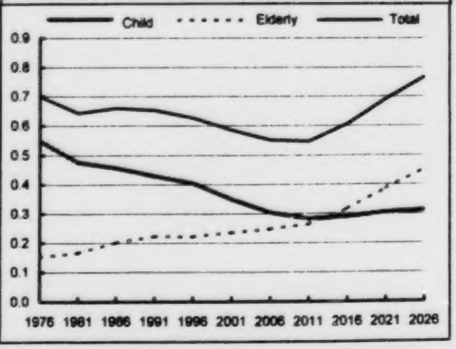

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Cariboo
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, agriculture and mining also play significant roles in the economy. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy. The agriculture sector is comprised primarily of cattle ranching and mixed farming activities. There is currently one major mine operating in the region and the potential exists for new ones to come on line within the next couple of years. Two mines have closed in the last couple of years due to low metal prices.

Developments in the forest sector will likely drive growth in this region in the future. The region is home to a large number of pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to the region is sustained if it is to maintain its job base in the forest sector. There have been some mill closures over the last year that have had significant employment impacts.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Em-ployees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,280	6,364	470	187	46	7,067	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	960	1,009	60	18	4	1,091	15.4%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	18	9	2	1	1	13	0.2%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	5	6	3	0	0	9	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	907	820	51	19	0	890	12.6%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	170	267	36	22	27	352	5.0%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	180	235	30	4	0	269	3.8%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	346	720	55	29	2	806	11.4%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	549	537	24	9	0	570	8.1%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	32	40	6	4	0	50	0.7%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	176	110	17	8	0	135	1.9%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	632	223	8	3	0	234	3.3%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	342	457	15	6	1	479	6.8%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	154	92	5	4	0	101	1.4%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	155	245	17	3	1	266	3.8%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	17	48	1	1	4	54	0.8%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	40	437	34	14	4	489	6.9%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	53	101	3	4	0	108	1.5%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	195	390	80	30	2	502	7.1%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	349	586	12	1	0	599	8.5%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		32	11	7	0	50	0.7%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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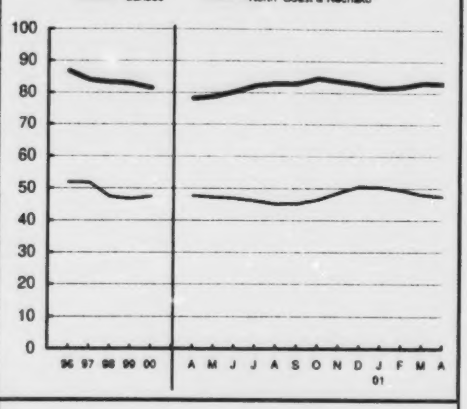
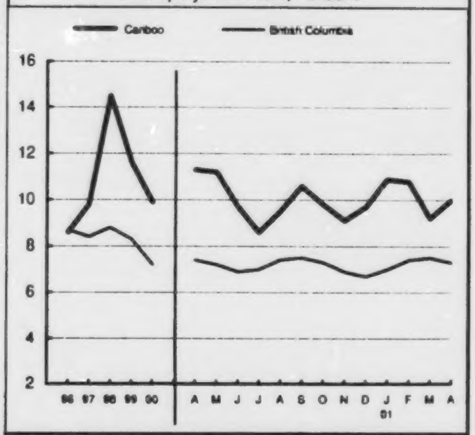
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	81.9	8.1	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	81.0	8.4	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	80.1	9.7	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	78.2	11.3	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	78.7	11.2	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	80.2	9.7	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	82.1	8.6	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	82.8	9.5	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	82.8	10.6	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	84.5	9.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	83.6	9.1	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	82.8	9.7	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	79.1	10.3	47.6	7.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	82.8	10.0	47.7	11.6	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	4.7		0.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



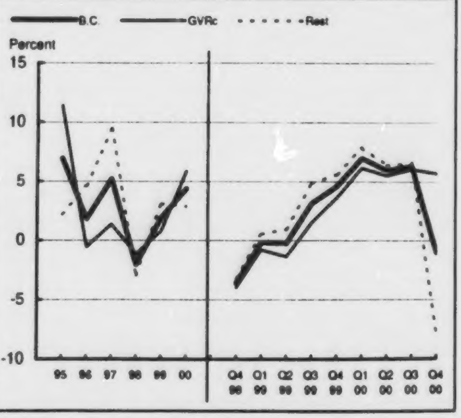
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
Quarterly data	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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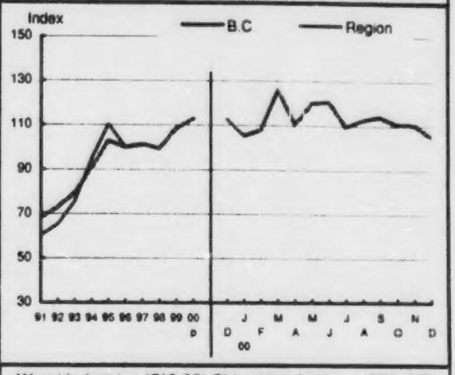
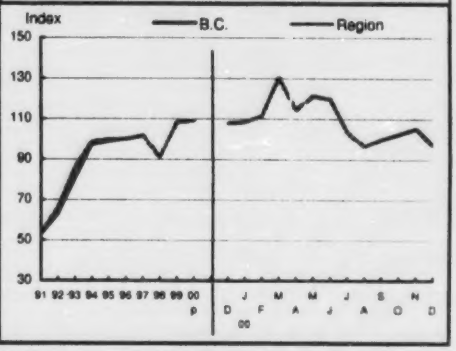
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	4	4	4	4
25	Wood	64	62	67	76	75
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	43	46	52	51
30	Metal Fabricating	24	23	23	26	27
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	158	151	162	187	182
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,012.4	2,435.1	2,474.6	2,507.4	2,542.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,155.5	2,112.5	2,164.5	2,224.6
30	Metal Fabricating	30.8	**	**	**	60.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,965.1	3,731.5	4,327.8	3,929.0	3,958.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	7,931	8,248	8,042	7,596	7,788
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	6,781	6,398	6,006	6,091
30	Metal Fabricating	274	**	**	**	519
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11,928	12,494	12,343	11,899	12,415
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	353.0	384.1	405.4	394.2	402.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	324.4	327.1	315.7	324.6
30	Metal Fabricating	9.9	**	**	**	20.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	542.2	604.2	639.3	632.1	652.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

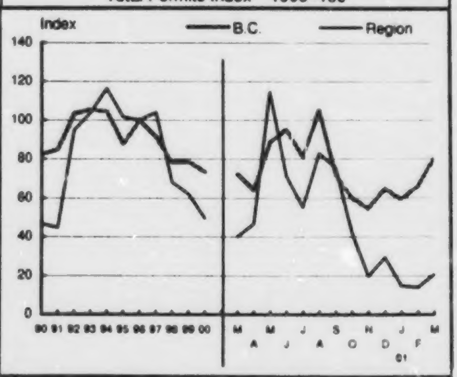


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	212.4	82.9	12.0	24.0	46.9	129.5	1,148
1994	238.0	101.2	18.7	27.3	55.1	136.8	1,333
1995	207.9	87.4	27.3	39.7	20.5	120.5	1,113
1996	204.8	62.5	20.9	28.3	13.4	142.2	1,356
1997	212.7	95.1	8.1	65.3	21.7	117.6	1,068
1998	139.6	52.0	9.3	24.9	17.8	87.6	787
1999	127.2	62.5	12.1	17.5	32.8	64.8	485
2000	101.5	59.8	7.5	22.3	29.9	41.7	259
Mar '00	10.0	6.9	1.2	4.8	0.9	3.1	18
Mar '01	8.4	4.0	0.3	2.7	1.0	4.4	27

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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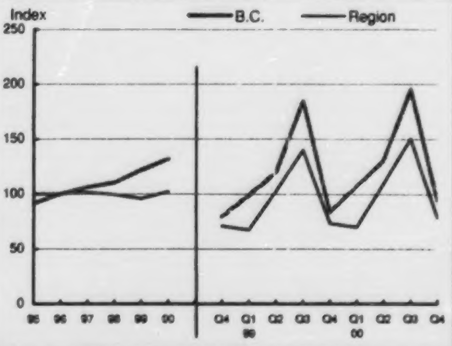
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Dev. Region	1996	42,632.3	6,931.3	12,168.9	15,194.3	8,337.7
	1997	43,225.1	7,402.6	11,643.2	15,784.3	8,395.1
	1998	42,381.2	7,813.1	11,682.3	15,333.0	7,552.9
	1999	40,788.2	7,169.2	10,906.7	14,898.2	7,814.0
	2000	43,498.5	7,454.9	11,643.7	16,029.1	8,370.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Cariboo 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	43,498.5	100.0%	Motels	15,433.6	35.5%
Fishing lodges	1,130.7	2.6%	Vacation Rentals	1,218.2	2.8%
Hotels	23,850.6	54.8%	Miscellaneous	1,865.3	4.3%
76+ Rooms	14,678.5	33.7%			
1-75 Rooms	9,172.1	21.1%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

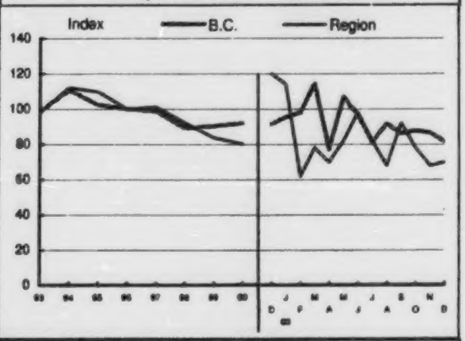


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	587
1994	673
1995	660
1996	600
1997	607
1998	553
1999	502
2000	481
Jan-Dec 99	502
Jan-Dec 00	481

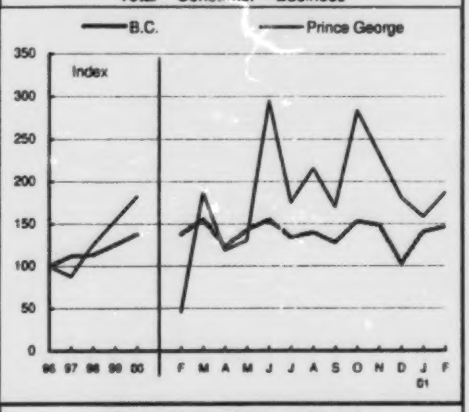
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



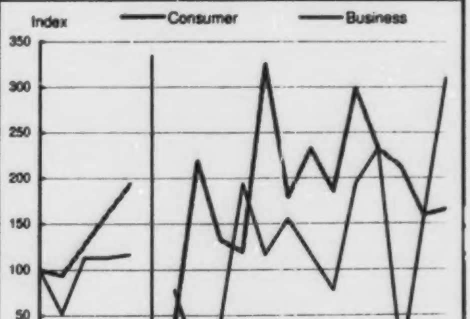
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George		Williams Lake		Quesnel	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	181	31	62	17	40	18
1997	170	16	71	18	51	13
1998	230	35	76	20	63	11
1999	291	35	122	12	69	8
2000	350	36	122	10	81	7
Jan-Feb 00	28	7	24	4	14	3
Jan-Feb 01	49	12	19	4	14	2

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince George Indices 1996=100



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## Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Sep '98	8.4	11.5	10.7	6.7	4.4
	Dec '98	8.2	10.8	11.5	6.8	4.1
	Mar '99	8.4	11.1	11.8	7.0	4.1
	Jun '99	8.6	11.4	12.1	7.1	4.1
	Sep '99	8.0	10.9	10.7	6.5	4.1
	Dec '99	7.9	10.4	11.0	6.5	4.1
	Mar '00	8.0	10.4	11.4	6.6	4.1
	Jun '00	8.2	10.7	11.8	6.7	4.1
	Sep '00	7.8	10.5	11.3	6.2	4.1
	Dec '00	7.5	9.9	10.9	6.1	4.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

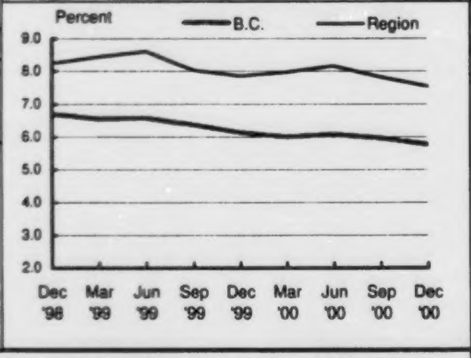
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group	Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Sep '98	3.9	4.5	4.1	2.2	Sep '98
Dec '98	5.0	6.1	5.2	2.7	Dec '98
Mar '99	5.9	7.1	6.2	3.3	Mar '99
Jun '99	4.8	5.0	5.1	2.7	Jun '99
Sep '99	4.2	4.3	4.4	2.4	Sep '99
Dec '99	4.2	4.8	4.5	2.5	Dec '99
Mar '00	4.7	5.4	4.9	2.9	Mar '00
Jun '00	4.1	3.9	4.4	2.9	Jun '00
Sep '00	3.1	3.2	3.3	1.9	Sep '00

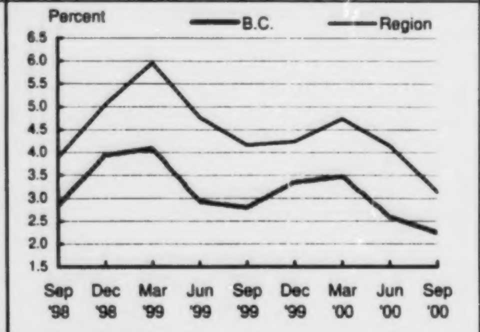
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	12,328	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.3	41.2
1-2 Years	19.0	17.8
>2 Years	35.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

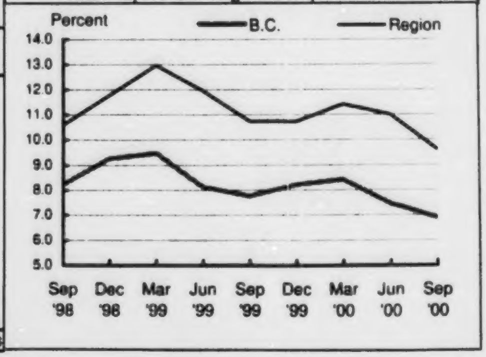
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Sep '98	10.6	14.9	10.6	6.2
	Dec '98	11.8	17.0	11.7	6.9
	Mar '99	13.0	18.3	12.9	7.4
	Jun '99	12.0	16.7	12.0	7.0
	Sep '99	10.7	14.7	10.8	6.4
	Dec '99	10.7	15.4	10.7	6.3
	Mar '00	11.4	16.5	11.3	6.9
	Jun '00	11.0	15.4	10.9	7.0
	Sep '00	9.6	14.2	9.4	5.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Cariboo

Development Region

13 Demographics

The reliance on the male-dominated employment of the forest sector is likely the explanation for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The median age of the population is substantially lower than the provincial median and this is reflected in a higher proportion of children in the population and a lower proportion of elderly.

14 Projection

This region should continue to receive net inflows of migrants over the projection period, but it is the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) that will really drive population growth in this region. The combination of a high natural increase and positive net migration will result in strong population growth for this region over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

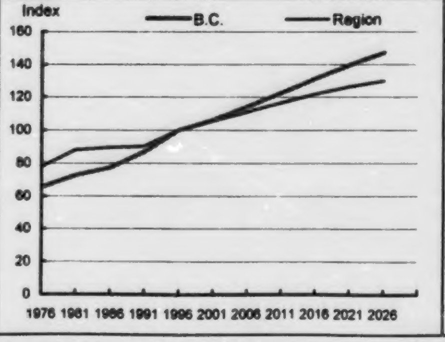
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	13.4	38.0	18.9	41.5	18.5	4.3	134.5	38.9	0.650	0.054	0.705	1976
1981	14.7	37.4	22.3	51.0	21.8	5.5	152.6	48.0	0.548	0.058	0.606	1981
1986	13.8	35.9	18.6	54.3	25.3	7.1	154.9	51.4	0.506	0.073	0.579	1986
1991	12.6	34.8	15.7	54.8	28.9	9.3	156.1	53.4	0.476	0.093	0.569	1991
1996	12.3	36.9	17.6	58.7	36.0	11.6	173.2	61.2	0.439	0.104	0.542	1996
2001	11.5	36.1	18.9	58.0	44.2	14.1	182.8	67.6	0.393	0.117	0.510	2001
2006	11.7	33.6	19.9	57.4	52.4	17.2	192.3	74.3	0.349	0.133	0.482	2006
2011	12.2	32.1	19.3	58.9	57.9	21.5	201.9	82.1	0.325	0.158	0.482	2011
2016	12.4	32.3	17.8	61.5	59.2	27.7	210.9	88.6	0.323	0.200	0.522	2016
2021	12.2	33.3	16.8	62.9	58.7	34.6	218.5	93.8	0.328	0.250	0.578	2021
2026	12.0	33.6	17.4	61.4	58.8	41.4	224.6	98.5	0.331	0.301	0.632	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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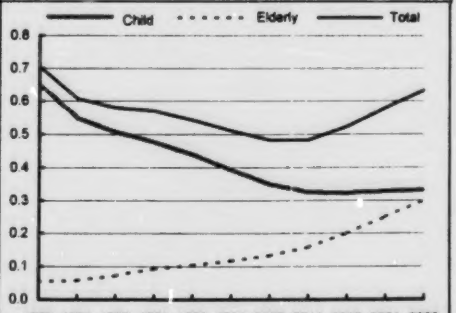

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

North Coast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Kitimat-Stikine

Forestry, mining, tourism and fishing are all important economic drivers in this region. There is currently only one major mine still operating in the region (Eskay Creek) as the Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999. However, there is potential for several other mineral projects. In addition, mineral processing at the Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat provides a significant amount of employment. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver area.

Major developments that will affect this region include the recent land claims settlement with the Nisga'a; the possibility of new mines opening in the near future; the possibility of further restrictions being imposed on the fishing industry in order to avoid depletion of salmon stocks; the possibility of a new aluminum smelter at Kitimat; and the recent threefold increase to the Allowable Annual Cut of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area in the north.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,489	2,197	178	71	20	2,466	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	356	330	20	5	1	356	14.4%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	5	2	1	0	8	0.3%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities		6	1	2	0	9	0.4%	0.1%	186
23	Construction	226	246	19	2	0	267	10.8%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	40	75	10	7	6	98	4.0%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	50	87	4	0	0	91	3.7%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	115	282	22	16	0	320	13.0%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	148	170	9	4	2	185	7.5%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	18	2	3	0	23	0.9%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	57	32	6	3	0	41	1.7%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	143	77	2	1	0	80	3.2%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	82	136	6	2	0	144	5.8%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	34	19	1	0	1	21	0.9%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	63	100	5	0	0	105	4.3%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	4	16	3	2	5	26	1.1%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	158	18	8	3	187	7.6%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	16	52	3	0	0	55	2.2%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	48	166	31	8	0	205	8.3%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	86	196	5	0	0	201	8.2%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		26	9	7	2	44	1.8%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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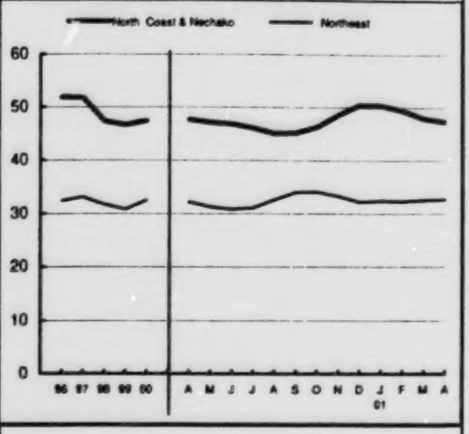
Development Region

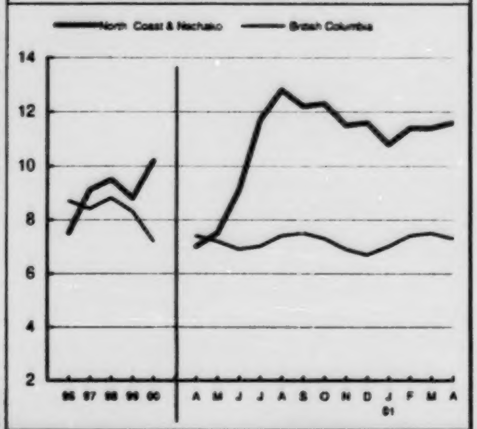
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	31.7	4.0	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	31.9	7.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	32.2	5.6	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	33.0	3.5	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	32.2	3.9	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	31.3	5.4	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	30.8	7.5	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	31.0	9.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	32.6	8.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	34.0	7.1	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	34.1	5.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	33.3	5.7	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	32.2	5.8	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	4.2	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	47.6	7.2	32.4	4.0	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	47.7	11.6	32.6	4.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	0.2		0.6		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



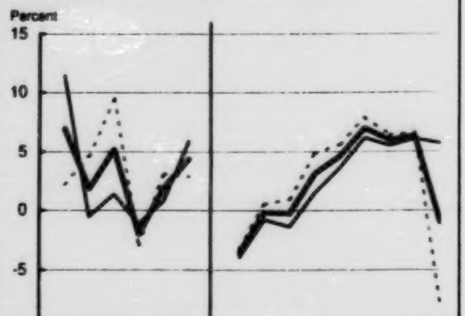
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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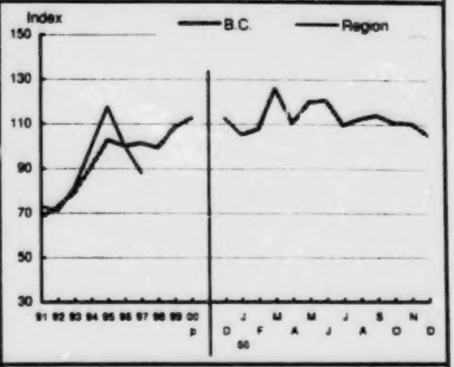
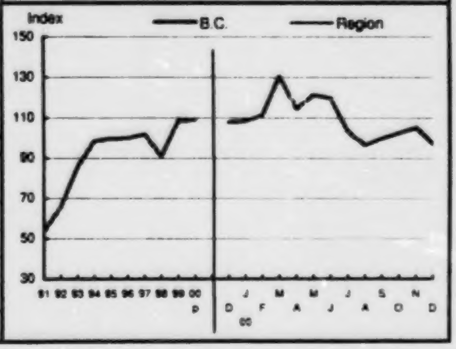
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	8	8	10	14	13
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	6	7	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	6	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	35	44	55	51
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	9.0	8.1	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,289.9	**	1,860.9	1,581.1	1,391.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	23	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	65	57	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,264	**	5,005	5,718	5,016
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.8	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	1.8	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	272.1	**	265.5	268.0	240.7

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

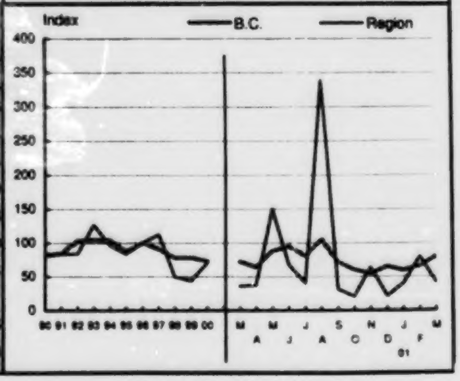


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	62.6	39.7	28.3	8.5	2.8	22.9	176
1994	47.6	24.8	9.3	6.4	9.1	22.8	174
1995	41.4	16.2	3.9	10.2	2.1	25.2	174
1996	49.4	20.5	7.3	10.7	2.5	28.9	210
1997	55.6	32.9	18.9	12.3	1.7	22.7	148
1998	24.4	12.1	5.3	4.6	2.3	12.3	60
1999	21.5	12.2	3.9	4.7	3.6	9.2	44
2000	34.7	26.6	0.6	4.7	21.3	8.1	31
Mar '00	3.0	1.5	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.5	6
Mar '01	6.6	5.5	0.9	3.9	0.7	1.1	3

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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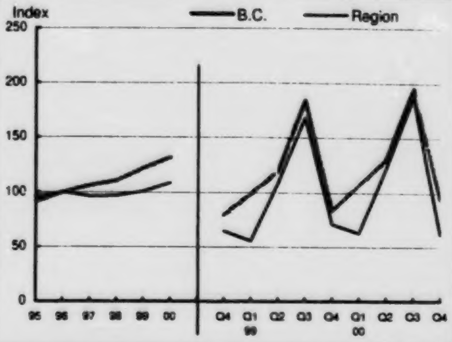
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Coast Dev. Region	1996	18,498.3	3,191.4	4,951.9	7,258.8	3,096.2
	1997	17,799.8	2,834.5	4,892.3	6,972.3	3,100.7
	1998	17,923.4	2,687.1	5,006.4	7,232.4	2,997.6
	1999	18,651.3	2,568.6	5,015.9	7,769.9	3,296.9
	2000	20,076.9	2,913.2	5,647.3	8,650.8	2,865.6
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

North Coast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	20,076.9	100.0%
Hotels	10,034.2	50.0%
Motels	7,126.1	35.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

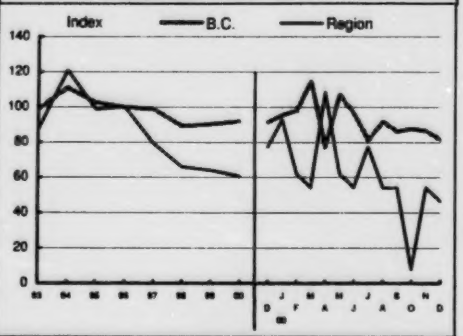


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	135
1994	187
1995	153
1996	155
1997	123
1998	102
1999	99
2000	94
Jan-Dec 99	99
Jan-Dec 00	94

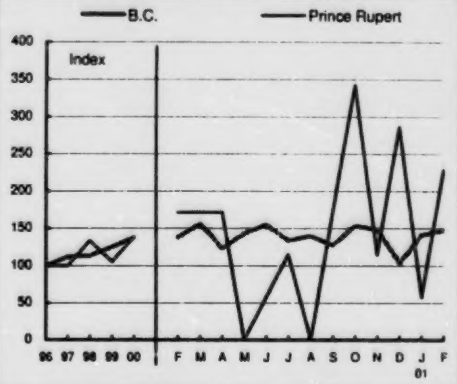
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



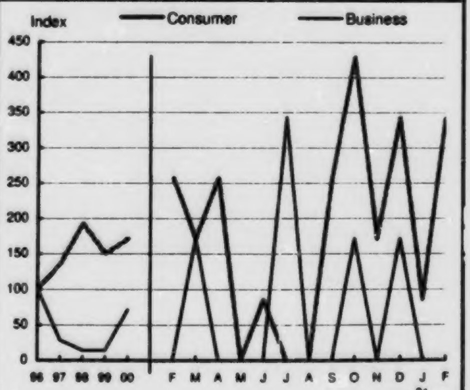
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert		Terrace		Kitimat	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	14	7	19	4	17	2
1997	19	2	25	8	10	1
1998	27	1	24	5	6	1
1999	21	1	43	7	21	0
2000	24	5	38	4	27	0
Jan-Feb 00	4	0	3	0	1	0
Jan-Feb 01	5	0	6	2	3	0

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince Rupert Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '98	9.5	12.2	15.4	7.4	4.5
	Dec '98	9.7	12.0	15.6	7.9	4.2
	Mar '99	9.6	11.9	15.8	7.8	4.0
	Jun '99	9.4	11.8	14.3	7.7	4.0
	Sep '99	8.4	11.0	12.3	6.7	4.0
	Dec '99	8.9	11.3	13.4	7.2	4.0
	Mar '00	8.9	11.3	13.5	7.2	4.0
	Jun '00	9.3	12.3	13.9	7.4	4.0
	Sep '00	8.5	11.4	12.4	6.5	4.0
	Dec '00	8.7	11.2	13.2	7.0	4.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

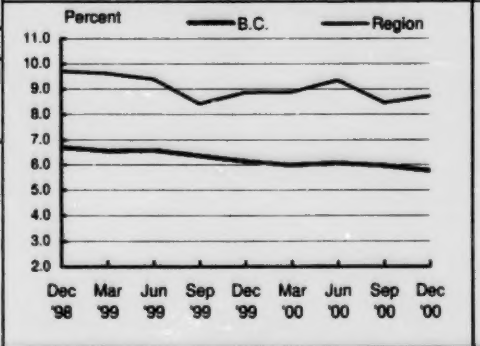
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.2	3.6	4.5	3.3	Sep '98
7.5	6.5	7.9	6.0	Dec '98
8.1	7.5	8.5	5.8	Mar '99
4.7	3.8	5.1	3.1	Jun '99
3.9	3.0	4.2	2.5	Sep '99
6.2	4.7	6.7	5.1	Dec '99
6.4	4.9	6.8	5.2	Mar '00
3.3	2.7	3.6	2.3	Jun '00
2.9	2.1	3.2	2.0	Sep '00

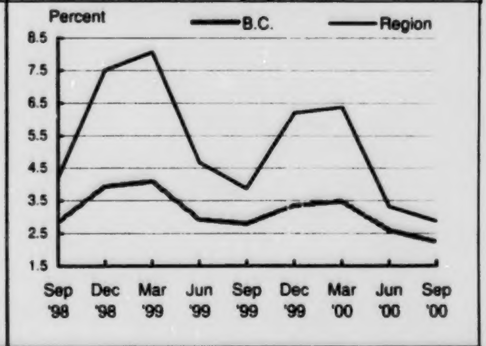
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	5,068	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.8	41.2
1-2 Years	17.5	17.8
>2 Years	31.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

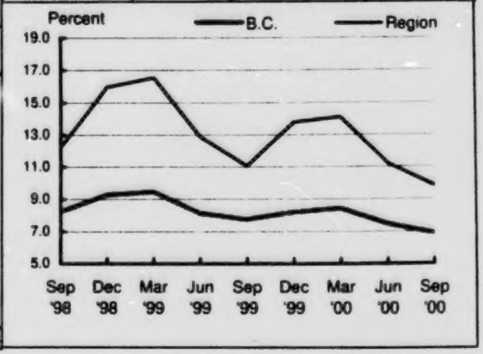
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Sep '98	12.2	18.6	11.7	8.1
	Dec '98	16.0	21.7	15.7	11.3
	Mar '99	16.6	23.2	16.2	11.0
	Jun '99	12.9	18.0	12.7	8.2
	Sep '99	11.1	15.3	10.9	7.2
	Dec '99	13.8	17.8	13.7	9.8
	Mar '00	14.1	18.3	14.0	9.8
	Jun '00	11.2	16.3	11.0	7.0
	Sep '00	9.9	14.4	9.5	6.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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North Coast

Development Region

13 Demographics

The median age of the population in this region is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately significantly more children and significantly less elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is substantially higher than the provincial rate, which partially contributes to the greater proportion of children. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated employment of the resource sectors, the gender ratio is significantly biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men.

14 Projection

This region has tended to have more net migration outflows than inflows, but new economic opportunities that will be developing over the next couple of decades may reverse this trend and this area could experience small net inflows through most of the projection period. With the youthful population, the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will remain relatively high, which will result in steady population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

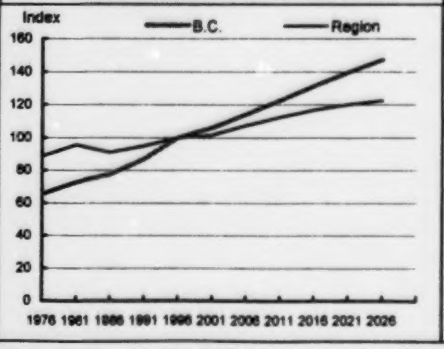
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	6.6	17.9	9.0	19.1	8.5	2.0	63.2	17.1	0.671	0.055	0.725	1976
1981	6.7	17.2	10.6	22.6	9.0	2.2	68.2	20.4	0.566	0.052	0.618	1981
1986	6.2	15.3	8.0	22.6	10.0	2.7	64.8	20.6	0.528	0.067	0.595	1986
1991	6.4	15.0	7.4	23.8	11.6	3.4	67.7	22.3	0.500	0.080	0.581	1991
1996	6.0	15.6	7.4	24.6	13.6	4.2	71.3	24.1	0.473	0.091	0.565	1996
2001	5.1	15.4	7.4	23.7	16.0	5.0	72.5	25.2	0.434	0.105	0.539	2001
2006	5.0	14.7	7.9	23.2	19.8	6.1	76.6	27.7	0.388	0.121	0.509	2006
2011	5.1	13.6	8.1	22.9	22.4	8.0	80.1	30.7	0.351	0.151	0.502	2011
2016	5.2	13.1	7.7	23.2	23.5	10.5	83.2	33.4	0.337	0.194	0.531	2016
2021	5.1	13.2	6.8	23.7	23.5	13.4	85.6	35.2	0.338	0.248	0.586	2021
2026	5.0	13.2	6.8	23.2	22.8	16.3	87.3	36.7	0.344	0.309	0.654	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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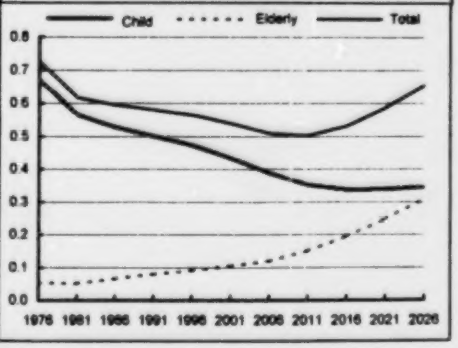


Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Nechako
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Bulkley-Nechako, Stikine

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic drivers in this region. Several major mines in this region have shut down in recent years; however, there is a great deal of potential for other mineral deposits to be exploited and new mines may be constructed over the next few years. The Huckleberry Copper mine opened in 1997 and has an expected 16 year life.

A major development that could affect this region is the threefold increase to the Allowable Annual Cut of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area in the last AAC determination. If this timber is harvested to its potential, there is a likelihood that there will be significant migration inflows to the northern portion of the region, particularly if a large processing facility is built. Even in the absence of the processing facility, the road construction that would have to coincide with the harvesting would open up the area and increase the potential for new mines and new communities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,632	1,952	115	50	11	2,128	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	430	485	22	8	0	515	24.2%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	13	13	3	1	1	18	0.8%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	256	215	7	2	0	224	10.5%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	47	74	7	12	7	100	4.7%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	38	68	1	0	0	69	3.2%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	137	192	17	4	0	213	10.0%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	150	163	5	2	0	170	8.0%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	21	0	0	0	21	1.0%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	43	23	3	1	0	27	1.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	129	54	1	0	0	55	2.6%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	82	111	1	1	0	113	5.3%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	34	18	0	3	0	21	1.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	49	53	4	0	0	57	2.7%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	6	20	4	1	3	28	1.3%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	8	87	7	8	0	102	4.8%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22	42	2	1	0	45	2.1%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	69	142	17	4	0	163	7.7%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	110	151	4	0	0	155	7.3%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		17	9	2	0	28	1.3%	0.5%	850

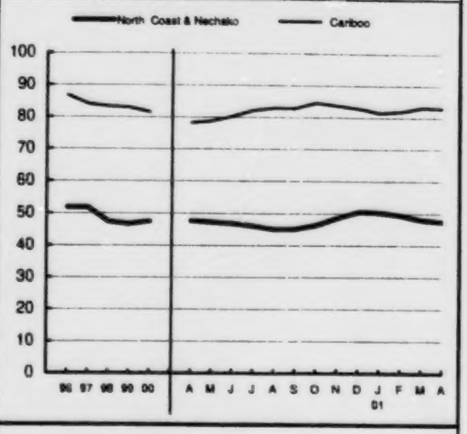
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Nechako
Development Region

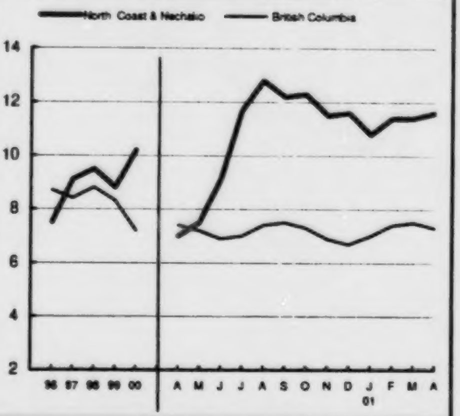
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	47.6	7.2	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	47.7	11.6	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	0.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



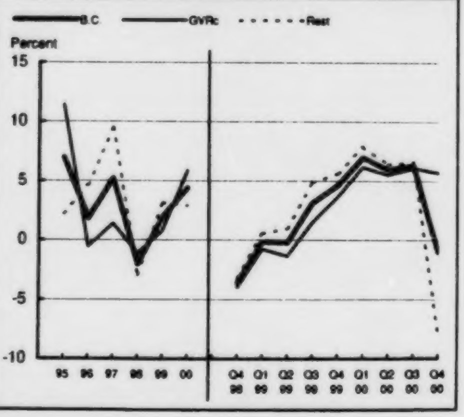
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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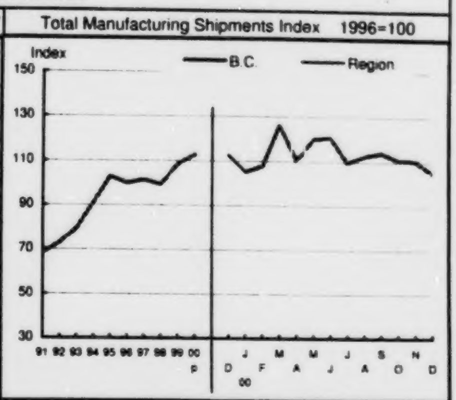
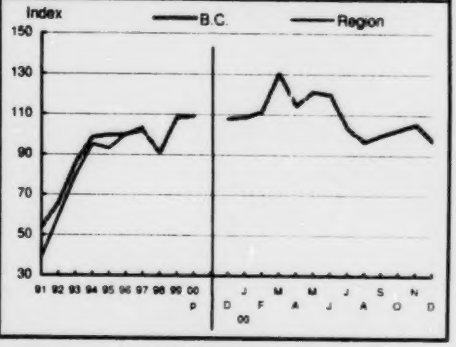
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	3	3	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35	37	40	43	41
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

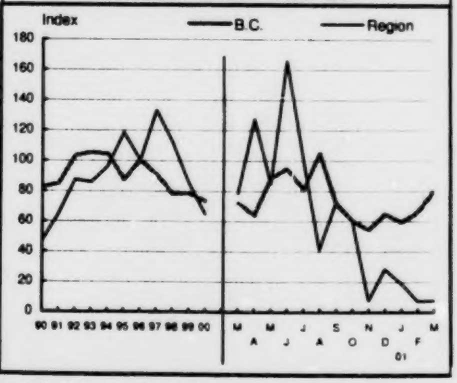


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	26.6	7.2	1.8	3.3	2.1	19.4	217
1994	29.8	8.2	1.1	5.2	1.9	21.6	196
1995	36.8	15.2	2.6	6.3	6.4	21.6	212
1996	31.0	7.5	1.1	5.3	1.0	23.6	241
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	8.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	6.5	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.4	13.9	1.8	8.5	3.6	12.5	108
2000	20.1	10.2	1.9	5.4	3.0	9.8	75
Mar '00	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.0	1.7	10
Mar '01	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	3

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Nechako
Development Region

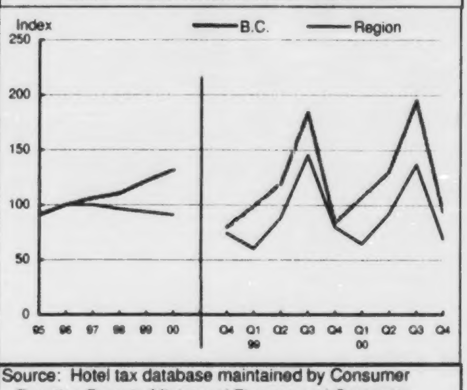
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nechako Dev. Region	1996	9,302.3	1,533.1	2,356.5	3,452.3	1,960.5
	1997	9,301.2	1,555.2	2,332.5	3,470.5	1,943.0
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,446.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,605.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Nechako 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,446.5	100.0%
Hotels	2,808.2	33.2%
Motels	4,404.5	52.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

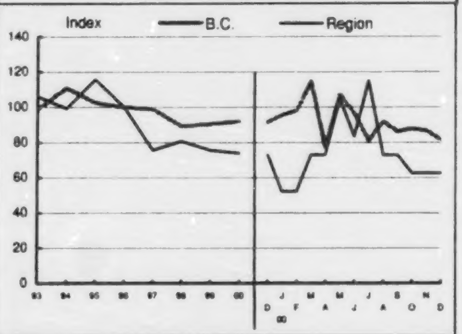


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	122
1994	114
1995	133
1996	115
1997	87
1998	93
1999	87
2000	85
Jan-Dec 99	87
Jan-Dec 00	85

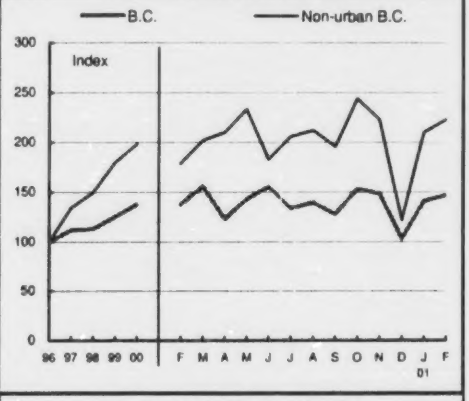
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



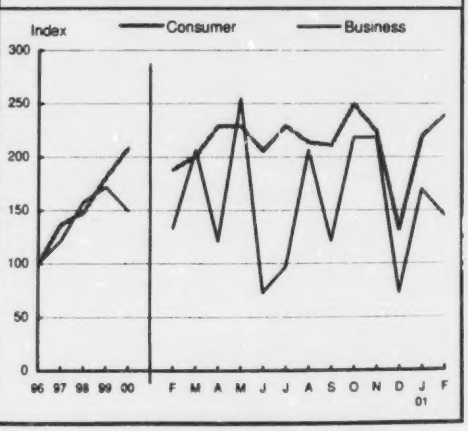
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1996	472	99	6,436	948
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Sep '98	5.6	7.5	7.5	4.4	3.1
	Dec '98	5.9	7.4	8.8	4.8	3.0
	Mar '99	5.9	7.6	8.6	4.7	3.1
	Jun '99	5.9	7.3	8.8	4.7	3.1
	Sep '99	5.6	7.1	8.2	4.4	3.1
	Dec '99	5.3	6.5	8.0	4.3	3.1
	Mar '00	5.4	6.7	8.1	4.4	3.1
	Jun '00	5.6	6.9	8.1	4.6	3.1
	Sep '00	5.3	6.6	7.6	4.4	3.1
	Dec '00	5.4	6.5	8.6	4.5	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

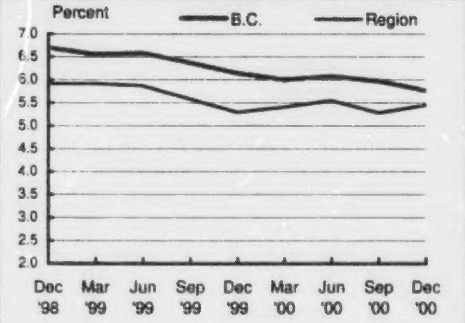
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '98	3.5	4.1	3.6	1.6
Dec '98	4.6	5.8	4.7	2.4
Mar '99	5.3	6.4	5.5	2.6
Jun '99	5.2	5.5	5.6	2.5
Sep '99	4.3	4.3	4.6	2.1
Dec '99	3.8	3.8	4.0	2.4
Mar '00	4.2	4.6	4.3	2.6
Jun '00	4.8	4.8	5.0	2.9
Sep '00	3.1	3.1	3.3	1.8

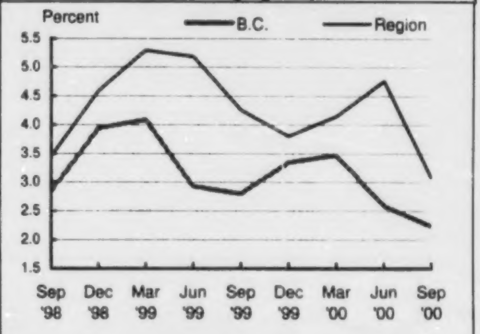
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,162	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.6	41.2
1-2 Years	16.0	17.8
>2 Years	29.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

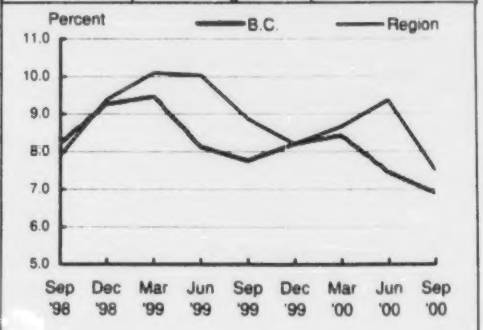
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Sep '98	7.9	11.0	7.7	5.2
	Dec '98	9.4	13.9	9.1	6.0
	Mar '99	10.1	14.4	9.9	6.3
	Jun '99	10.0	13.8	10.0	6.1
	Sep '99	8.9	12.1	6.8	5.6
	Dec '99	8.2	11.3	8.0	5.8
	Mar '00	8.7	12.3	8.4	6.0
	Jun '00	9.4	12.4	9.3	6.1
	Sep '00	7.5	10.3	7.4	4.8

ʼrior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Nechako
Development Region

13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is substantially lower than the provincial median and the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also substantially higher in this region compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is one of the reasons for the youthful population, since it is also much higher than the provincial rate. The remoteness of a large portion of the region is likely another reason, since the elderly tend not to live in areas that are distant from medical facilities and other services. The gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economic activities in the region.

14 Projection

A large portion of this region is very sparsely populated, but the increase in the AAC of the Cassiar TSA could result in relatively significant growth for that area. Net migration to the area has often been negative in the past, but the region should experience small net inflows with the increasing economic possibilities. Combined with a positive natural increase (i.e. the excess of births over deaths), this should mean steady population growth for this region over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

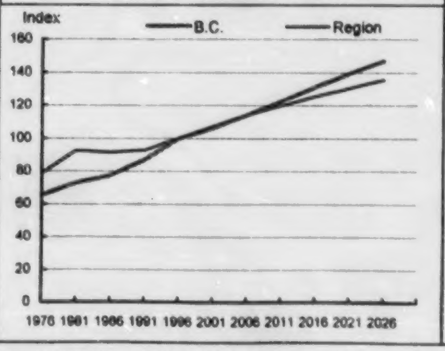
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.7	10.4	4.8	9.9	4.9	1.3	35.1	9.7	0.722	0.067	0.789	1976
1981	4.5	10.6	6.2	13.0	5.6	1.6	41.5	12.5	0.612	0.065	0.678	1981
1986	4.2	10.1	4.7	13.8	6.1	2.0	41.0	12.9	0.583	0.080	0.662	1986
1991	3.8	10.1	4.2	14.2	6.9	2.4	41.6	13.5	0.547	0.094	0.641	1991
1996	3.8	10.2	4.6	14.9	8.4	3.0	44.8	15.2	0.499	0.109	0.608	1996
2001	3.7	10.0	5.1	14.9	10.6	3.7	48.0	16.9	0.448	0.120	0.567	2001
2006	3.7	9.9	5.3	14.9	12.9	4.5	51.2	18.5	0.412	0.135	0.547	2006
2011	3.7	9.7	5.2	14.9	14.7	5.6	53.7	20.3	0.386	0.160	0.545	2011
2016	3.7	9.7	5.1	15.3	15.4	7.1	56.2	22.0	0.376	0.197	0.573	2016
2021	3.8	9.7	5.0	15.9	15.2	8.9	58.5	23.5	0.375	0.248	0.623	2021
2026	3.8	9.9	5.0	16.0	15.1	10.9	60.8	24.8	0.381	0.302	0.683	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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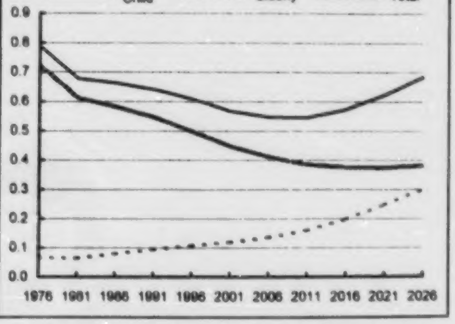


Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Northeast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Peace River, Northern Rockies

The economy of this region is fairly diversified, with coal mining, oil and gas exploration, forestry, tourism and agriculture all having significant impacts on the economy. The North-eastern region of the province is a significant producer of oil and gas, and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a significant number of people. There are two major coal mines in the area (Bullmoose and Quintette) that supply coal to Japanese markets and potential for further coal projects exists.

A major development that will affect this region is the closure of the Quintette coal mine in August, 2000 and the likely closure of the Bullmoose coal mine in 2003. These mines have already experienced significant layoffs in the last two years. There have already been some population impacts from the layoffs and more are certain to follow. On the positive side, Louisiana-Pacific is in the process of building four processing facilities in the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Northeast							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,797	2,805	230	74	14	3,123	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	694	303	14	2	0	319	10.2%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	165	196	19	6	2	223	7.1%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	2	11	0	0	0	11	0.4%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	396	336	32	13	1	382	12.2%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	77	87	5	7	4	103	3.3%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	72	128	16	0	0	144	4.6%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	137	282	21	8	0	311	10.0%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	322	277	17	4	1	299	9.6%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	29	2	0	0	31	1.0%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	69	32	7	4	0	43	1.4%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	193	82	9	0	0	91	2.9%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	165	197	6	0	0	203	6.5%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	36	30	1	0	0	31	1.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	90	121	5	1	0	127	4.1%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	7	21	2	1	3	27	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	14	148	17	10	2	177	5.7%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	25	48	1	0	0	49	1.6%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	75	157	48	12	1	218	7.0%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	252	312	5	1	0	318	10.2%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		8	3	5	0	16	0.5%	0.5%	850

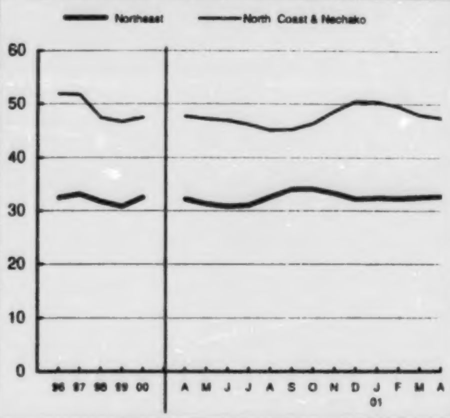
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Northeast
Development Region

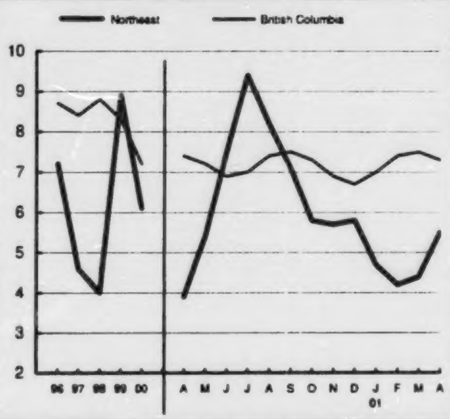
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998	31.7	4.0	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	31.9	7.0	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	32.2	5.6	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	33.0	3.5	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	32.2	3.9	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
May	31.3	5.4	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	30.8	7.5	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	31.0	9.4	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	32.6	8.2	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	34.0	7.1	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	34.1	5.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	33.3	5.7	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	32.2	5.8	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	32.3	4.2	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:					year-to-dat	
Jan-Apr00	32.4	4.0	47.6	7.2	1,913.9	7.5
Jan-Apr01	32.6	4.8	47.7	11.6	1,927.6	7.5
% Change	0.6		0.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



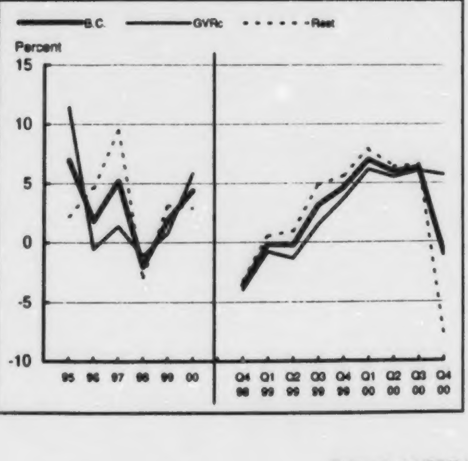
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
Quarterly data	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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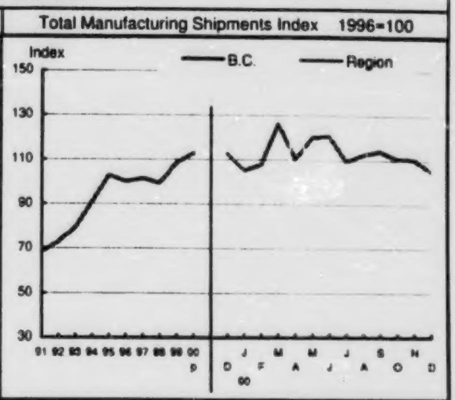
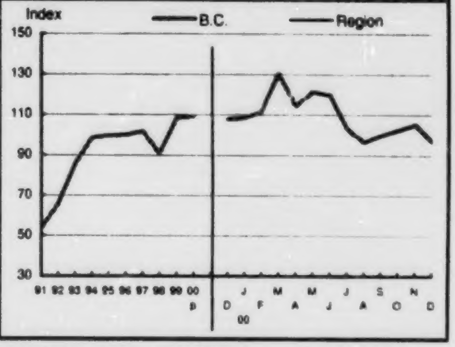
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	11	10	10	10	11
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	7	6	7	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	9	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	39	38	40	41	40
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	624.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	2,213
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

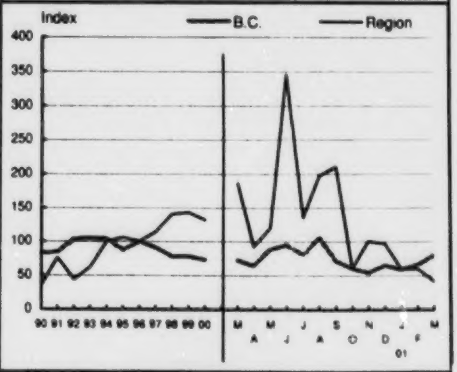


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	25.7	12.4	0.9	2.1	9.5	13.2	117
1994	41.8	20.6	2.1	8.0	10.5	21.2	169
1995	44.1	20.4	2.5	11.7	6.1	23.7	182
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	17.0	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.7	20.4	0.3	19.3	0.8	27.3	233
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	22.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.8	31.0	5.0	22.6	3.4	28.8	329
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	20.7	3.5	27.8	241
Mar '00	8.0	3.6	0.0	3.6	0.0	4.5	41
Mar '01	5.6	4.7	0.0	2.1	2.6	0.9	5

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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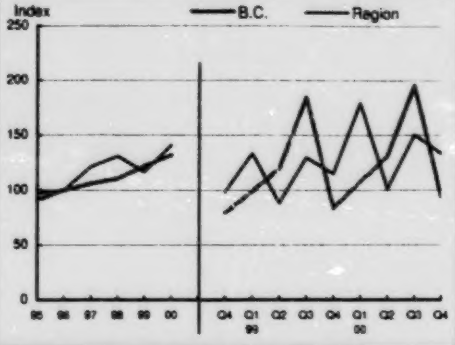
Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northeast Dev. Region	1996	20,771.5	5,899.3	4,284.5	5,575.0	5,012.6
	1997	25,142.1	6,871.9	5,234.3	6,617.7	6,418.2
	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,252.3	9,303.7	5,236.6	7,790.6	6,921.5
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Northeast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,252.3	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	989.0	3.4%
Hotels	14,997.7	51.3%			
76+ Rooms	7,375.9	25.2%			
1-75 Rooms	7,621.8	26.1%			
Motels	8,526.7	29.1%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100



Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

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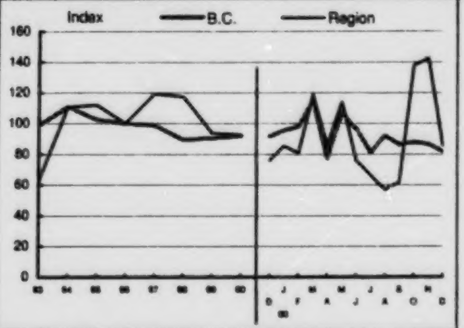
Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	157
1994	280
1995	283
1996	253
1997	302
1998	297
1999	237
2000	234
Jan-Dec 99	237
Jan-Dec 00	234

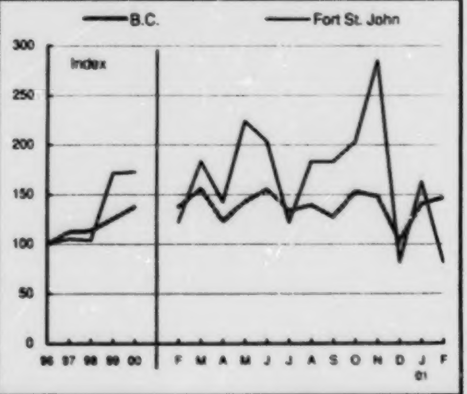
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



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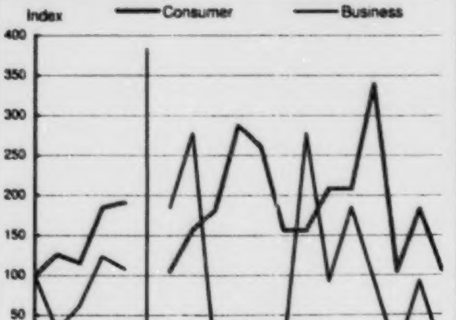
Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John		Dawson Creek		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	46	13	12	0	6,436	948
1997	58	4	16	4	7,366	895
1998	53	8	16	4	7,327	1,031
1999	85	16	21	3	8,179	1,075
2000	88	14	30	3	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	9	4	2	0	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	11	1	8	0	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Fort St. John Indices 1996=100



Northeast
Development Region

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '98	5.3	6.9	7.3	4.0	3.0
	Dec '98	5.6	6.7	8.8	4.4	3.1
	Mar '99	5.5	6.7	8.4	4.4	3.1
	Jun '99	5.7	7.0	7.9	4.7	3.1
	Sep '99	5.5	7.1	7.3	4.3	3.1
	Dec '99	5.3	6.6	7.0	4.4	3.1
	Mar '00	4.9	6.5	6.7	3.7	3.1
	Jun '00	5.5	7.0	7.7	4.4	3.1
	Sep '00	5.2	6.9	6.9	4.0	3.1
	Dec '00	5.0	6.3	7.1	4.0	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

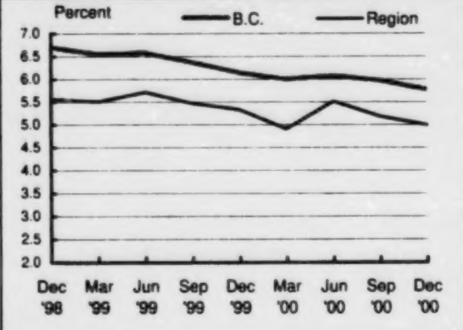
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '98	3.7	4.1	3.9	2.1
Dec '98	4.3	5.2	4.4	2.6
Mar '99	4.4	6.1	4.3	3.0
Jun '99	5.1	6.8	5.1	3.2
Sep '99	4.6	5.7	4.7	2.8
Dec '99	3.7	4.7	3.7	2.1
Mar '00	3.2	4.2	3.2	2.2
Jun '00	4.1	5.0	4.1	2.7
Sep '00	3.4	3.8	3.5	2.2

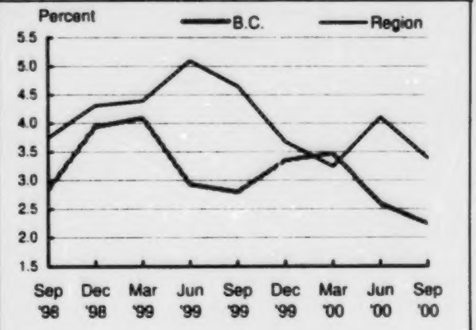
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,050	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	61.1	41.2
1-2 Years	15.3	17.8
>2 Years	23.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

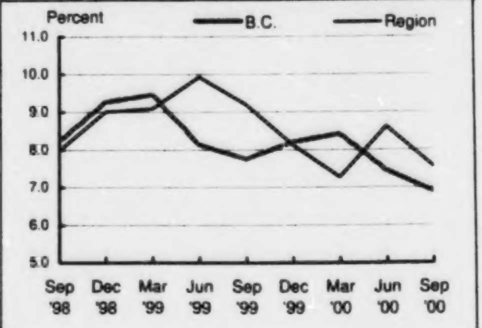
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Sep '98	8.0	11.1	7.8	5.6
	Dec '98	9.0	13.5	8.6	6.3
	Mar '99	9.1	14.2	8.5	6.8
	Jun '99	9.9	14.5	9.5	7.0
	Sep '99	9.2	12.8	8.9	6.6
	Dec '99	8.1	11.5	7.8	5.8
	Mar '00	7.3	10.8	6.8	5.8
	Jun '00	8.6	12.3	8.2	6.4
	Sep '00	7.6	10.5	7.3	5.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Northeast
Development Region

13 Demographics

The remoteness of the area is probably the reason for a median age that is substantially lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is also much higher than the provincial rate, which also contributes to a younger age structure. The ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is much lower than the provincial ratio. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated resource industries, the gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

The developments in the oil and gas sector should lead to population inflows for this region. There is a lot of growth potential due to the abundance of natural resources located in the area and this should translate into strong population growth over the long-term. However, there will be some outflows in the short-term due to the layoffs at the two coal mines.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

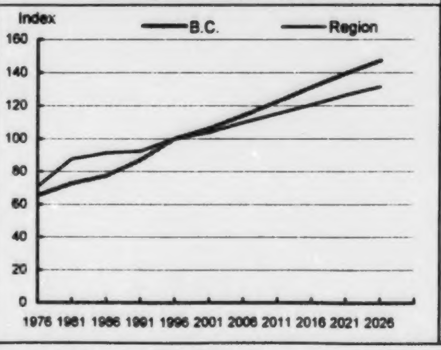
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.5	13.8	6.2	12.8	6.6	2.0	45.9	12.9	0.718	0.080	0.798	1976
1981	5.7	13.9	9.6	17.7	7.7	2.4	56.9	17.8	0.560	0.068	0.627	1981
1986	6.0	13.5	7.6	20.5	8.9	2.8	59.3	19.9	0.529	0.077	0.606	1986
1991	5.6	13.4	6.5	21.3	9.8	3.5	60.0	20.7	0.507	0.093	0.600	1991
1996	5.6	14.3	6.7	22.9	11.4	4.0	65.0	22.1	0.486	0.097	0.583	1996
2001	5.0	14.6	6.9	22.7	13.5	4.7	67.4	23.2	0.456	0.109	0.565	2001
2006	4.8	14.3	7.3	22.3	17.2	5.6	71.4	25.4	0.408	0.120	0.528	2006
2011	4.8	13.3	7.7	21.8	20.4	6.9	74.8	28.2	0.364	0.140	0.503	2011
2016	5.0	12.6	7.7	22.0	22.1	8.9	78.3	31.0	0.339	0.171	0.510	2016
2021	5.2	12.9	7.0	23.4	22.3	11.4	82.2	33.4	0.344	0.217	0.560	2021
2026	5.2	13.4	6.7	23.9	21.7	14.4	85.4	35.2	0.357	0.276	0.632	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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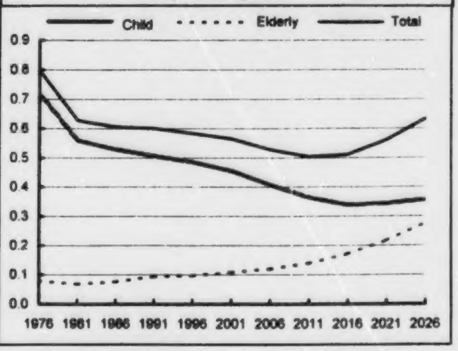

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet

Forestry is the primary economic activity in this region, and as a result, the area is vulnerable to fluctuations in this sector. Fishing is another important resource-based industry in the region. The resource-based sectors have been experiencing supply problems in recent years, which has precipitated a push for growth in the tourism sector.

Developments in the forest sector are having a significant effect on this area. Reductions to the Allowable Annual Cut have reduced employment in harvesting and there have also been cutbacks at local mills. In the fishing industry, low levels of fish stocks could lead to restrictions on the size of the catch and the length of the fishing season, which could seriously affect the industry. On the positive side, projects in the tourism sector like the Reef Point resort at Ucluelet should help mitigate some of the effects of the downturn in the resource sectors.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Alberni-Clayoquot								British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees							With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total		Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	614	1,064	76	34	7	1,181	100.0%		100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	72	87	8	4	2	101	8.6%		5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.2%		0.5%	850
22	Utilities		1	0	0	0	1	0.1%		0.1%	166
23	Construction	111	110	2	0	0	112	9.5%		11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	21	45	6	4	3	58	4.9%		5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	18	37	1	0	0	38	3.2%		6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	79	171	7	6	0	184	15.6%		11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	52	68	1	0	0	69	5.8%		4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2	8	1	0	0	9	0.8%		1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	21	19	1	0	0	20	1.7%		3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	65	37	1	0	0	38	3.2%		4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	29	64	1	1	0	66	5.6%		10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	24	9	3	0	0	12	1.0%		2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	21	43	3	0	0	46	3.9%		4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	3	12	1	0	1	14	1.2%		1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	6	96	10	6	1	113	9.6%		8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11	24	2	2	0	28	2.4%		1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	36	101	23	8	0	132	11.2%		7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	41	117	2	0	0	119	10.1%		7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	1	13	3	3	0	19	1.6%		0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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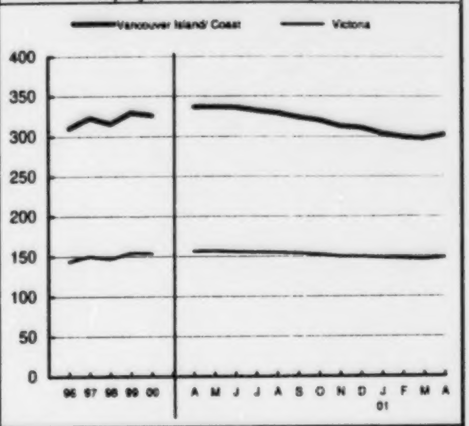
Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

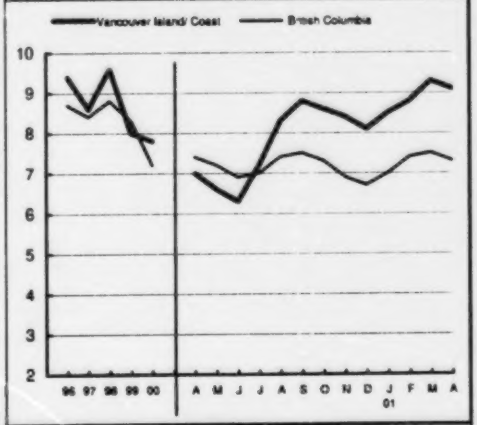
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991				134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	333.4	7.5	155.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	299.8	9.2	147.0	5.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	-10.1		-5.3		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



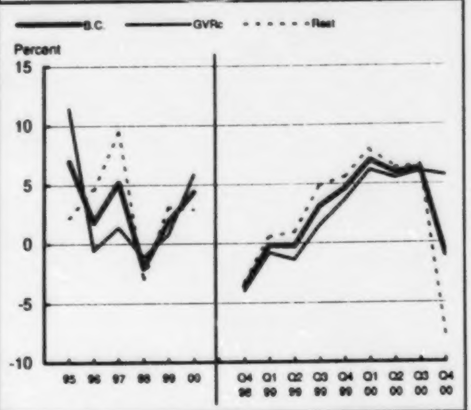
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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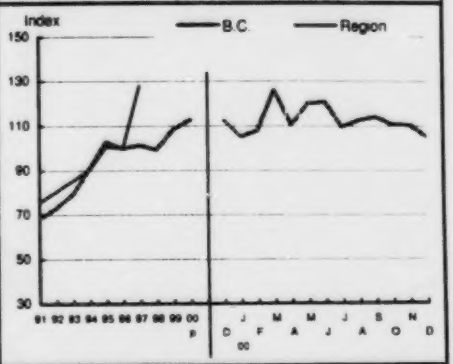
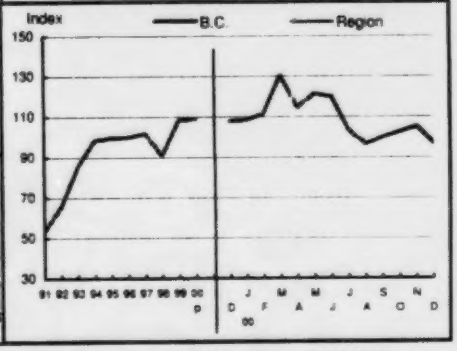
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	3
25	Wood	5	5	5	6	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	4	4	5	6
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	7	7	7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	20	21	22	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	276.5	301.1	260.0	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	492.0	548.1	544.7	696.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,053	1,019	1,016	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	2,092	2,115	2,093	2,431
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	50.0	51.9	51.6	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	99.1	107.9	111.0	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

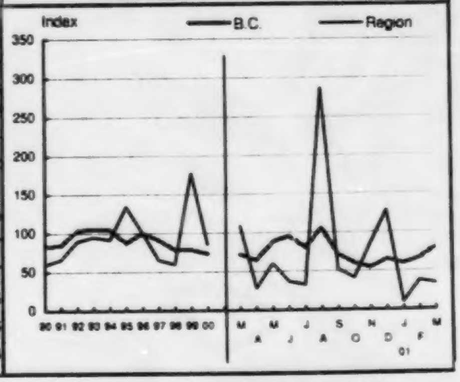
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	32.5	11.8	0.8	5.5	5.5	20.7	170
1994	31.4	7.5	0.8	5.9	0.9	23.8	184
1995	45.7	24.2	8.7	11.9	3.6	21.5	202
1996	34.2	8.0	0.0	6.2	1.8	26.2	251
1997	22.2	6.5	0.5	5.6	0.5	15.6	139
1998	20.4	9.8	0.2	6.1	3.5	10.6	97
1999	60.4	49.1	0.7	4.1	44.4	11.3	97
2000	29.2	19.5	4.6	11.3	3.7	9.6	75
Mar '00	7.9	5.0	4.5	0.5	0.0	2.9	26
Mar '01	2.3	1.5	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.7	4

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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Regional District

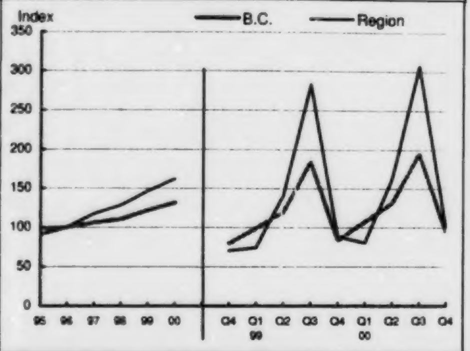
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	1996	14,429.5	1,790.8	3,635.6	6,925.6	2,077.4
	1997	16,922.8	2,108.6	4,425.8	7,890.2	2,498.2
	1998	18,520.2	2,544.2	4,479.1	8,951.5	2,545.4
	1999	21,138.9	2,671.2	5,086.5	10,187.3	3,194.0
	2000	23,404.5	2,900.2	5,843.6	11,051.1	3,609.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Alberni-Clayoquot 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	23,404.5	100.0%
Hotels	5,537.6	23.7%
Motels	3,993.1	17.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

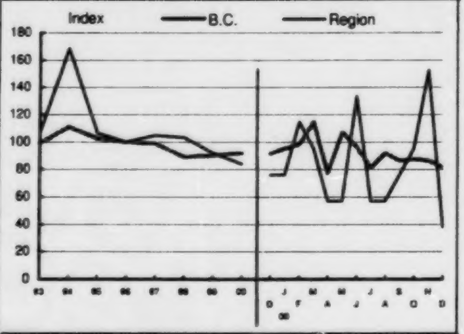


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	67
1994	106
1995	67
1996	63
1997	66
1998	65
1999	58
2000	53
Jan-Dec 99	58
Jan-Dec 00	53

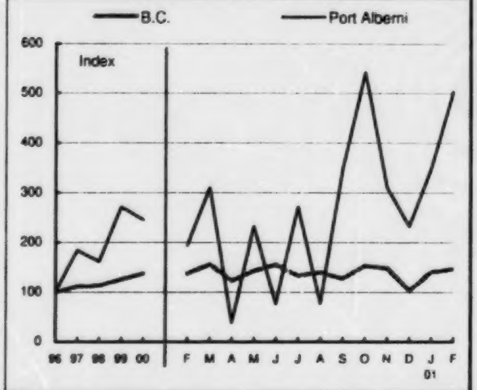
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



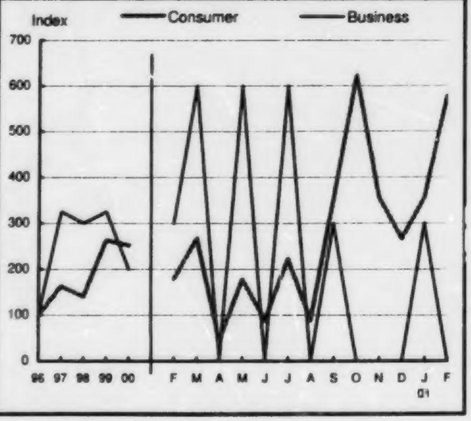
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Port Alberni		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	27	4	472	99	6,436	948
1997	44	13	646	120	7,366	895
1998	38	12	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	71	13	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	8	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	12	1	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	21	1	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Port Alberni Indices 1996=100



Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Sep '98	9.4	13.2	12.3	8.0	4.4
	Dec '98	9.1	12.5	11.4	8.1	4.1
	Mar '99	9.4	13.2	12.0	8.2	4.3
	Jun '99	9.4	13.3	11.9	7.9	4.3
	Sep '99	8.8	12.5	11.8	7.4	4.3
	Dec '99	9.1	12.7	12.7	7.6	4.3
	Mar '00	9.4	12.8	14.1	7.9	4.3
	Jun '00	9.2	12.6	13.0	7.8	4.3
	Sep '00	9.0	12.6	12.2	7.6	4.3
	Dec '00	8.7	12.1	11.1	7.4	4.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

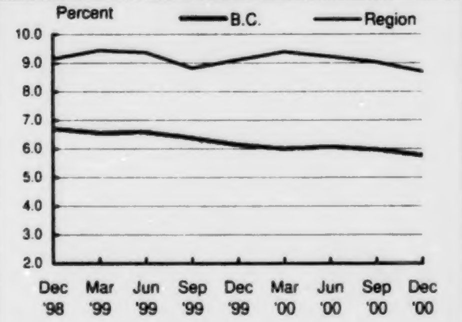
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	3.1	3.1	3.5	1.4	Sep '98
	6.4	7.2	7.2	2.3	Dec '98
	6.1	6.0	6.9	2.6	Mar '99
	3.0	2.9	3.3	1.8	Jun '99
	2.7	2.5	2.9	1.9	Sep '99
	5.4	6.0	6.0	2.4	Dec '99
	5.5	6.4	6.0	2.2	Mar '00
	3.2	3.2	3.7	1.4	Jun '00
	2.6	2.5	3.0	1.2	Sep '00

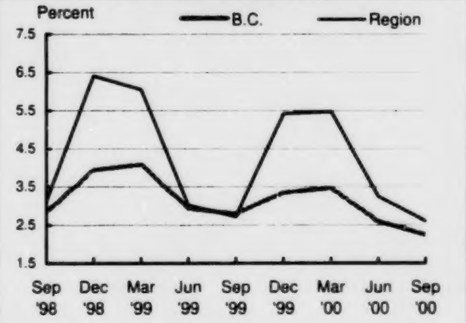
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,407	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.7	41.2
1-2 Years	18.2	17.8
>2 Years	39.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

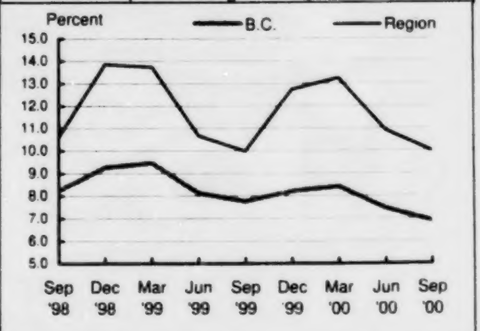
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Sep '98	10.6	14.9	11.2	4.6
	Dec '98	13.9	18.1	14.9	5.8
	Mar '99	13.7	17.7	14.8	6.1
	Jun '99	10.7	14.7	11.1	5.5
	Sep '99	10.0	14.2	10.2	5.5
	Dec '99	12.7	18.5	13.2	6.1
	Mar '00	13.2	20.2	13.6	5.8
	Jun '00	10.9	16.0	11.3	5.0
	Sep '00	10.0	14.4	10.3	5.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally been a net loser of migrants and the trend is expected to continue as the economy is transformed from resource-based industries to more service-oriented industries.

The gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economy and the dependence on resource-based employment, which tends to be male-dominated. The proportion of elderly people (over 65 years of age) has increased to the point where it is similar to that of the province as a whole.

14 Projection

It is projected that the traditional net migration outflows for this area will continue, particularly as constraints in the resource sectors reduce the employment base. Although there are plans to further develop the tourist industry and to attract more retirees to the region, the number of jobs in the service sector supported by these activities is significantly less than those supported by the forest sector. This means that it will take more than one tourism job to achieve the same spin-off benefits of one forest job. The end result should be a slight population decline for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

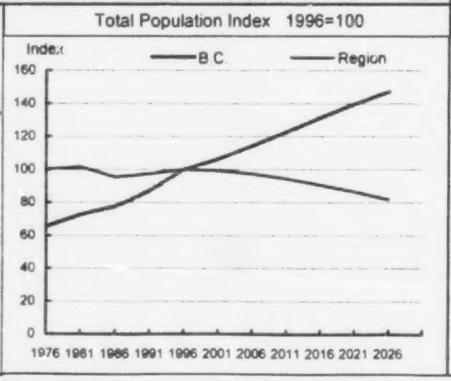
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	2.8	8.9	4.6	9.1	5.8	1.8	33.0	10.0	0.598	0.091	0.689	1976
1981	2.7	7.7	4.7	10.0	6.0	2.2	33.4	11.1	0.504	0.106	0.609	1981
1986	2.4	6.7	3.3	9.8	6.2	2.8	31.4	11.2	0.471	0.147	0.617	1986
1991	2.4	6.5	3.0	10.2	6.7	3.3	32.0	11.8	0.443	0.164	0.608	1991
1996	2.2	6.4	3.0	9.9	7.6	3.8	32.9	12.4	0.418	0.183	0.601	1996
2001	1.8	5.9	3.1	9.0	8.6	4.3	32.6	13.1	0.373	0.207	0.581	2001
2006	1.6	5.2	2.8	8.3	9.4	4.7	32.0	13.2	0.334	0.228	0.562	2006
2011	1.5	4.5	2.4	7.6	9.8	5.2	31.0	13.3	0.301	0.261	0.562	2011
2016	1.3	4.0	2.1	7.0	9.5	6.0	29.8	13.4	0.281	0.321	0.601	2016
2021	1.1	3.5	1.8	6.5	8.7	6.8	28.4	13.2	0.271	0.402	0.673	2021
2026	1.0	3.1	1.7	5.6	8.1	7.5	26.9	12.9	0.264	0.492	0.756	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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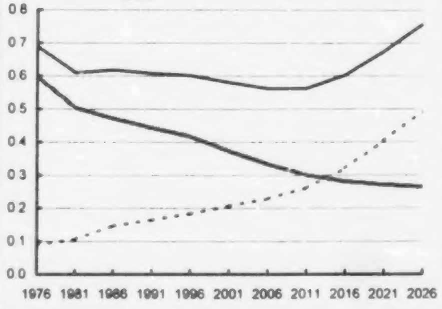

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Granisle, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa, Vanderhoof

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic drivers for this region. The agriculture industry in this region consists mainly of grain production. There are currently two major mines operating in the area (Endako Molybdenum Mine and Huckleberry Copper Mine). Smithers is also one of the major supply and service points for mineral exploration and development in northern British Columbia and miners working in fly-in-fly-out operations are often based there.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Bulkley-Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,583	1,902	111	48	11	2,072	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	428	483	22	8	0	513	24.8%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	9	3	1	1	14	0.7%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	250	207	7	1	0	215	10.4%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	45	71	7	12	7	97	4.7%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	38	68	1	0	0	69	3.3%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	130	184	17	4	0	205	9.9%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	143	157	5	2	0	164	7.9%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	21	0	0	0	21	1.0%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	42	22	3	1	0	26	1.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	126	52	0	0	0	52	2.5%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	80	111	1	1	0	113	5.5%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	32	18	0	3	0	21	1.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	47	52	4	0	0	56	2.7%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	5	19	4	0	3	26	1.3%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	8	87	6	8	0	101	4.9%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	20	38	2	1	0	41	2.0%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	65	137	15	4	0	156	7.5%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	105	148	4	0	0	152	7.3%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		15	9	2	0	26	1.3%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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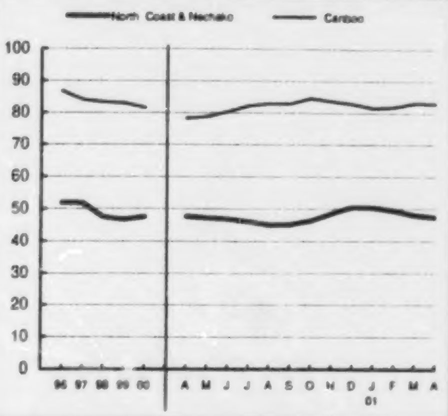
Regional District

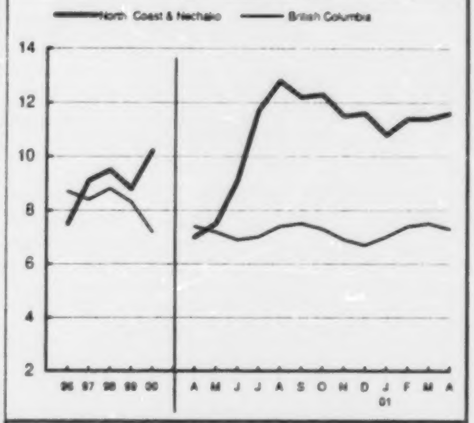
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	48.1	7.8	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	47.9	7.7	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	47.7	7.6	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	47.7	7.0	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
May	47.2	7.5	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	46.9	9.1	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	46.1	11.7	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	45.1	12.8	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	45.2	12.2	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	46.3	12.3	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	48.6	11.5	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	50.5	11.6	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:					year-to-dat	
Jan-Apr00	47.6	7.2	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
Jan-Apr01	47.7	11.6	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
% Change	0.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



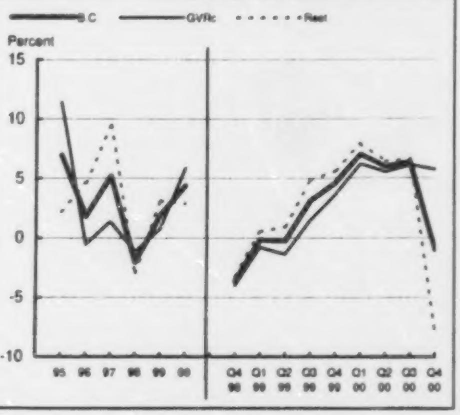
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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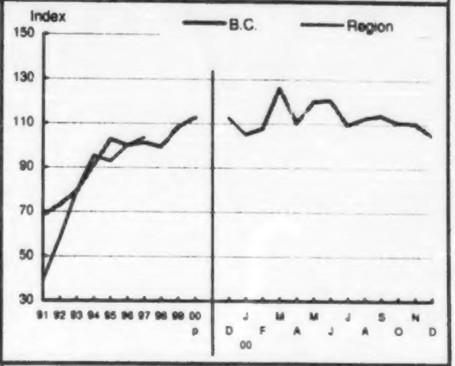
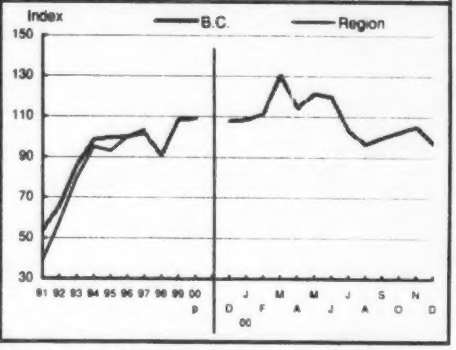
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	2	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	34	36	38	42	40
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	899.0	1,079.5	1,051.7	1,132.7	1,173.4
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,854	3,021	2,996	2,881	2,920
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	135.0	139.5	134.2	136.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

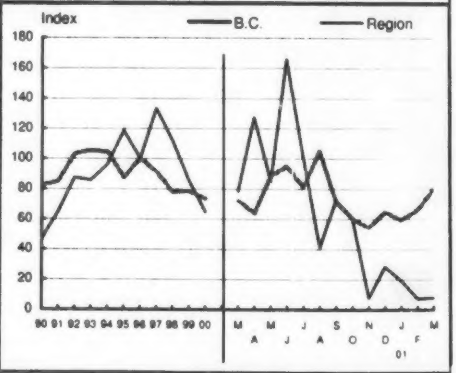


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	26.6	7.2	1.8	3.3	2.1	19.4	217
1994	29.8	8.2	1.1	5.2	1.9	21.6	196
1995	36.8	15.2	2.6	6.3	6.4	21.6	212
1996	31.0	7.5	1.1	5.3	1.0	23.6	241
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	8.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	6.5	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.4	13.9	1.8	8.5	3.6	12.5	108
2000	20.1	10.2	1.9	5.4	3.0	9.8	75
Mar '00	2.3	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.0	1.7	10
Mar '01	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4	3

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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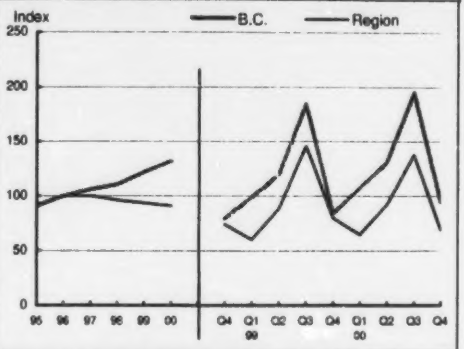
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Stikine Region ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	1996	9,302.3	1,533.1	2,356.5	3,452.3	1,960.5
	1997	9,301.2	1,555.2	2,332.5	3,470.5	1,943.0
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,446.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,605.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Bulkley-Nechako 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,446.5	100.0%
Hotels	2,808.2	33.2%
Motels	4,404.5	52.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

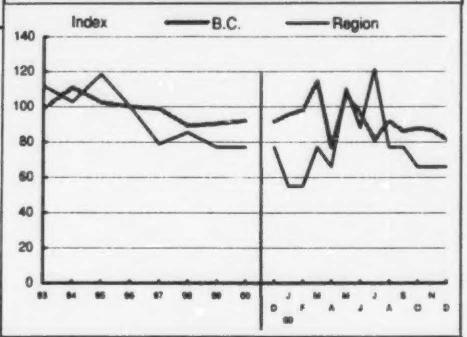


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	122
1994	112
1995	129
1996	109
1997	86
1998	93
1999	84
2000	84
Jan-Dec 99	84
Jan-Dec 00	84

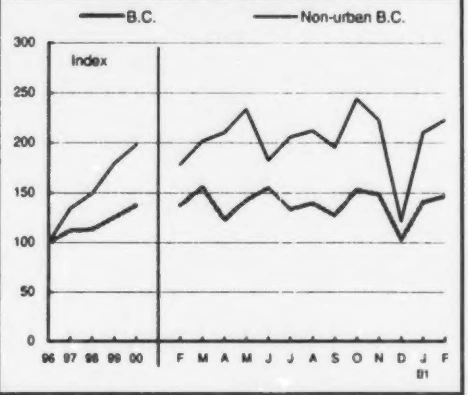
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



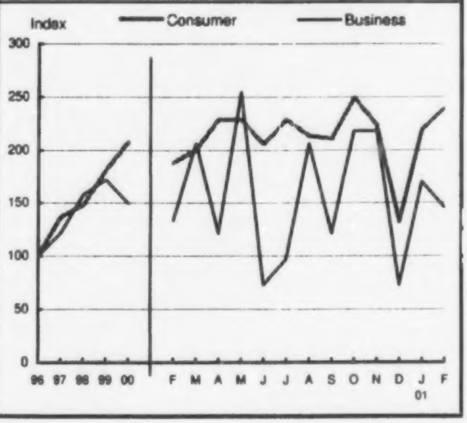
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	472	99	6,436	948
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '98	5.7	7.6	7.6	4.5	3.1
	Dec '98	6.0	7.4	8.9	4.8	3.0
	Mar '99	6.0	7.6	8.5	4.7	3.1
	Jun '99	6.0	7.4	8.9	4.8	3.1
	Sep '99	5.7	7.1	8.4	4.5	3.1
	Dec '99	5.3	6.5	8.0	4.3	3.1
	Mar '00	5.4	6.7	8.0	4.4	3.1
	Jun '00	5.6	6.9	8.2	4.6	3.1
	Sep '00	5.4	6.6	7.7	4.4	3.1
	Dec '00	5.5	6.5	8.7	4.6	3.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

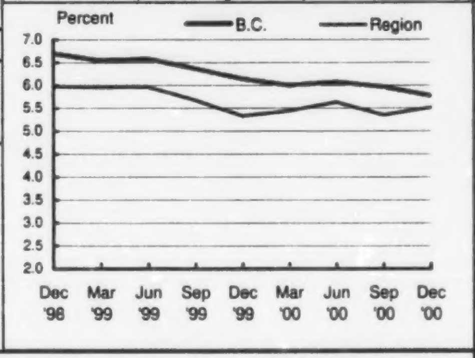
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	4.2	3.5	1.5	Sep '98
4.3	5.5	4.5	2.2	Dec '98
5.0	6.0	5.3	2.4	Mar '99
5.1	5.4	5.5	2.4	Jun '99
4.2	4.2	4.5	2.1	Sep '99
3.6	3.7	3.8	2.3	Dec '99
3.9	4.4	4.1	2.4	Mar '00
4.7	4.8	5.0	2.8	Jun '00
3.1	3.0	3.3	1.7	Sep '00

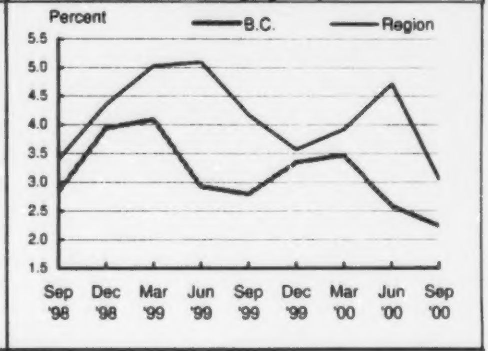
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,129	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.2	41.2
1-2 Years	16.2	17.8
>2 Years	29.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

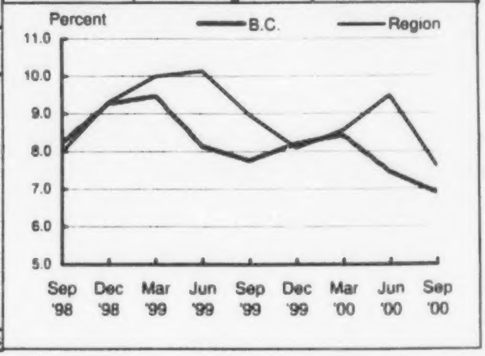
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Sep '98	8.0	11.2	7.8	5.2
	Dec '98	9.3	13.8	9.0	6.0
	Mar '99	10.0	14.2	9.8	6.3
	Jun '99	10.1	13.9	10.0	6.3
	Sep '99	9.0	12.3	8.9	5.8
	Dec '99	8.1	11.2	7.9	5.7
	Mar '00	8.6	12.1	8.3	5.9
	Jun '00	9.5	12.5	9.4	6.1
	Sep '00	7.6	10.4	7.5	4.9

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors, the gender ratio of this area is heavily weighted in favour of males. This contrasts with the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

The total fertility rate for this area is significantly higher than the provincial rate. This is likely one of the reasons for the significantly higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. As a result, the median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median.

14 Projection

This region is expected to receive net inflows of migrants throughout most of the projection, with the exception of one-time events such as mine closures. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) for this area is relatively high and positive, and in combination with positive net migration, this will result in steady population growth for this area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

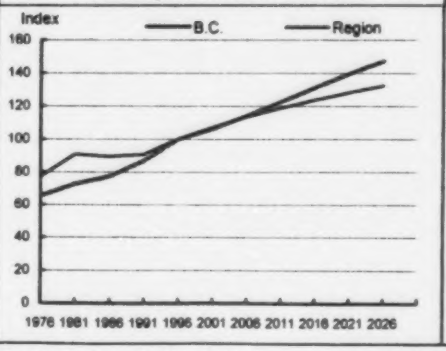
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	10.0	4.6	9.3	4.7	1.3	33.5	9.2	0.729	0.069	0.798	1976
1981	4.3	10.2	5.9	12.2	5.3	1.6	39.4	11.9	0.617	0.068	0.685	1981
1986	4.0	9.6	4.5	12.9	5.8	1.9	38.8	12.1	0.585	0.082	0.667	1986
1991	3.6	9.6	4.0	13.4	6.5	2.3	39.4	12.8	0.553	0.097	0.650	1991
1996	3.6	9.9	4.4	14.4	8.1	3.0	43.4	14.7	0.503	0.111	0.614	1996
2001	3.6	9.7	5.0	14.4	10.1	3.6	46.5	16.3	0.451	0.120	0.572	2001
2006	3.6	9.6	5.1	14.2	12.4	4.3	49.3	17.7	0.415	0.135	0.550	2006
2011	3.6	9.4	5.0	14.2	14.1	5.3	51.5	19.3	0.389	0.159	0.548	2011
2016	3.6	9.3	4.9	14.4	14.7	6.7	53.6	20.7	0.380	0.196	0.576	2016
2021	3.7	9.3	4.8	15.0	14.4	8.5	55.6	22.0	0.379	0.249	0.628	2021
2026	3.7	9.4	4.7	15.0	14.1	10.4	57.4	23.2	0.388	0.308	0.695	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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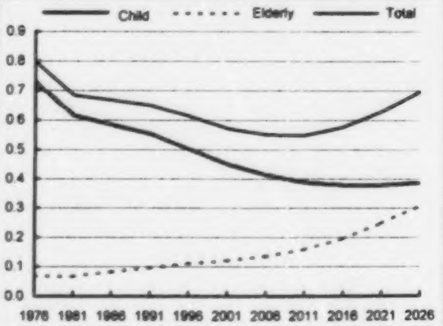

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal

Victoria's status as the provincial capital means that the bulk of the government sector is located within Greater Victoria. As a result, the public sector is an important economic driver for this region. The pleasant climate of the area also makes it a popular tourist destination and retirement area. The abundance of retirees makes pension and investment income important elements of the economy. This, in combination with a large tourism trade, helps to drive the service sector.

Major developments that could affect this area include the recent construction of sewer lines and the improved transportation networks to the Sooke area. These developments could be an indication that the Sooke area may be ready for more serious development.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Capital							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	10,016	10,417	941	370	75	11,803	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	240	224	13	7	0	244	2.1%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	29	13	0	1	0	14	0.1%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	6	7	2	2	1	12	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	1,628	1,224	86	22	0	1,332	11.3%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	318	443	60	17	2	522	4.4%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	381	439	32	10	0	481	4.1%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	781	1,379	116	55	8	1,558	13.2%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	338	289	24	11	11	335	2.8%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	119	120	22	9	2	153	1.3%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	686	338	35	25	3	401	3.4%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,558	510	41	12	0	563	4.8%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	1,623	1,468	101	18	0	1,587	13.4%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	452	220	13	7	0	240	2.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	493	497	40	15	3	555	4.7%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	79	136	12	9	7	164	1.4%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	135	1,421	75	42	11	1,549	13.1%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	183	171	20	8	3	202	1.7%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	306	632	201	78	3	914	7.7%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	661	825	36	11	0	872	7.4%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		61	12	11	21	105	0.9%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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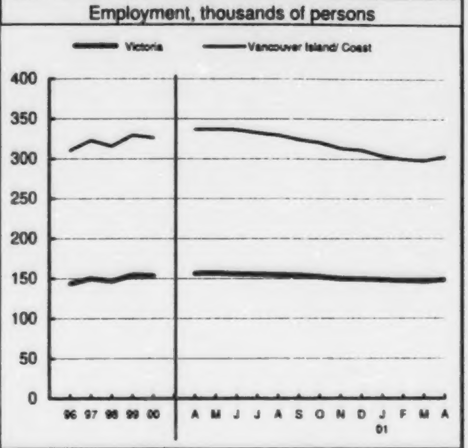
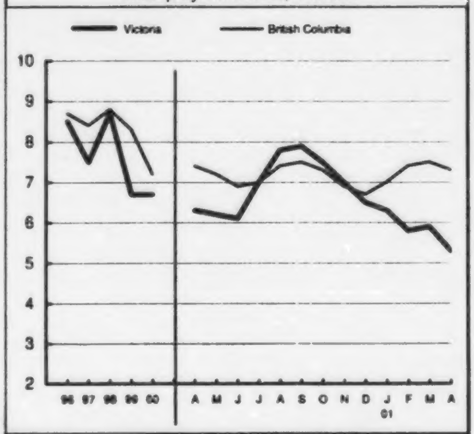
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Victoria		Vancouver Island/ Coast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991	134.9	8.4			1,572.6	10.1
	1992	133.6	7.9			1,620.3	10.2
	1993	138.8	8.3			1,675.9	9.7
	1994	144.3	7.1			1,754.0	9.0
	1995	143.1	8.4	309.9	9.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	143.5	8.5	309.8	9.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	149.8	7.5	322.7	8.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	146.6	8.7	315.7	9.6	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	154.2	6.7	329.1	8.0	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	153.6	6.7	325.8	7.8	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	154.1	5.9	331.2	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	155.1	6.2	331.6	8.0	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	155.6	6.4	332.9	7.9	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	156.5	6.3	336.2	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	156.7	6.2	336.7	6.6	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	155.8	6.1	335.8	6.3	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	155.2	7.0	332.2	7.2	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	154.6	7.8	329.3	8.3	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	153.7	7.9	323.9	8.8	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	152.2	7.5	320.1	8.6	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	149.4	7.0	313.2	8.4	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	149.3	6.5	310.8	8.1	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	148.0	6.3	303.8	8.5	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	147.0	5.8	299.4	8.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	145.9	5.9	297.6	9.3	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	148.1	5.3	302.7	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	155.3	6.2	333.4	7.5	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	147.0	5.8	299.8	9.2	1,927.8	7.5
	% Change	-5.3		-10.1		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



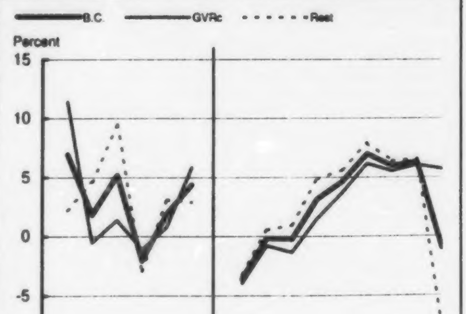
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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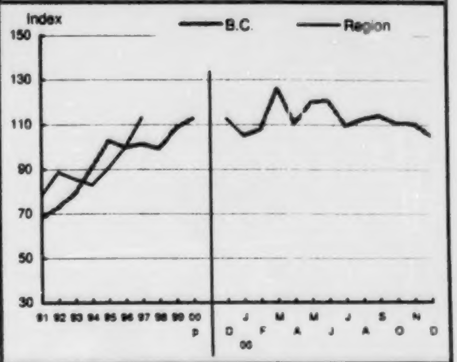
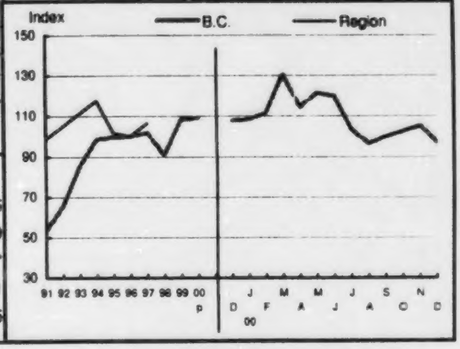
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	20	18	18	18	17
25	Wood	22	19	20	25	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	22	22	24	32	29
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	211	202	223	252	246
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.4	94.0	102.3	129.6	151.7
25	Wood	**	45.4	39.2	38.6	41.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	53.7	55.0	65.4	68.7	70.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	495.0	479.7	525.2	578.5	654.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	618	548	629	673	636
25	Wood	**	401	376	249	326
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	591	610	671	610	697
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,631	4,350	4,666	4,636	5,571
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	20.0	19.2	21.0	20.8	21.5
25	Wood	**	11.4	10.9	7.1	9.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	19.7	20.3	22.3	20.7	25.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	159.8	151.9	152.0	162.5	202.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

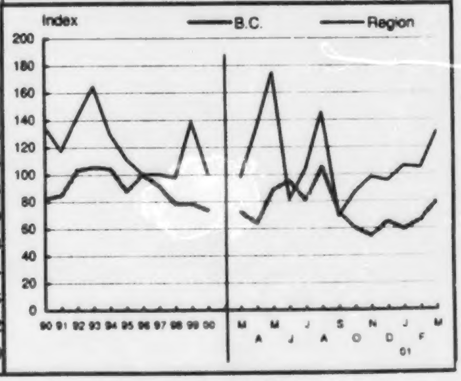


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	472.5	183.0	5.0	70.2	107.8	289.5	2,949
1994	372.3	122.9	8.0	84.0	30.9	249.5	2,503
1995	319.9	151.8	10.6	57.7	83.4	168.1	1,296
1996	287.1	108.6	5.5	88.7	14.4	178.5	1,263
1997	287.7	116.3	6.8	78.3	31.3	171.3	1,230
1998	279.9	117.5	15.9	76.2	25.4	162.4	1,138
1999	396.7	222.4	6.0	98.5	117.8	174.4	1,304
2000	289.8	123.5	14.3	76.7	32.5	166.2	996
Mar '00	53.6	22.5	0.8	10.9	10.7	31.2	162
Mar '01	81.8	44.2	9.5	23.6	11.2	37.5	220

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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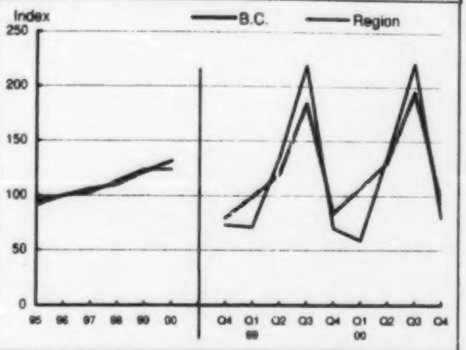
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Capital Regional District	1996	121,938.5	15,507.8	34,042.4	55,733.6	16,654.8
	1997	124,769.8	16,318.1	33,202.6	57,615.3	17,633.9
	1998	138,306.2	17,488.3	37,203.1	61,316.2	22,298.6
	1999	150,894.3	21,624.8	41,072.6	66,841.0	21,356.0
	2000	151,227.0	17,900.4	41,491.1	67,579.8	24,255.6
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Capital 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	151,227.0	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	3,555.6	2.4%
Hotels	123,535.4	81.7%			
76+ Rooms	92,493.6	61.2%			
1-75 Rooms	31,041.8	20.5%			
Motels	12,637.3	8.4%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

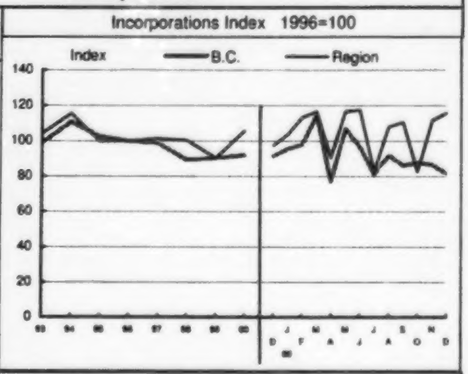


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	1,438
1994	1,591
1995	1,376
1996	1,379
1997	1,398
1998	1,384
1999	1,247
2000	1,458
Jan-Dec 99	1,247
Jan-Dec 00	1,458

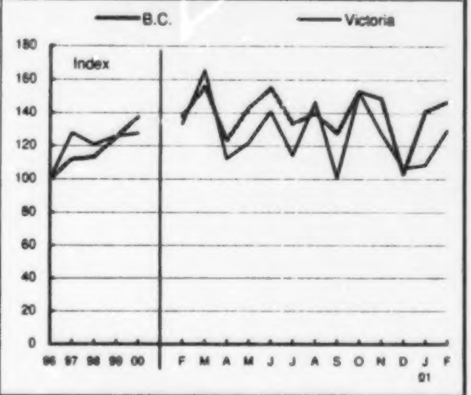
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



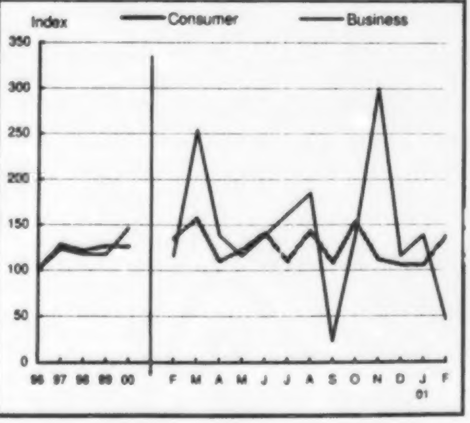
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	579	52	472	99	6,436	948
1997	742	64	646	120	7,366	895
1998	701	61	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	733	61	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	728	76	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	119	8	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	117	8	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Victoria Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

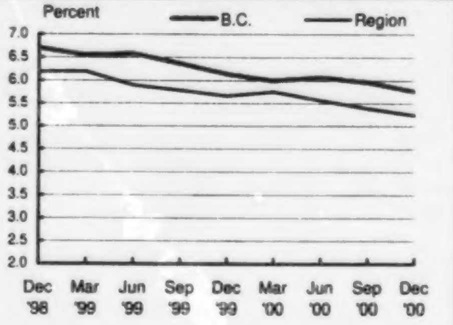
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Capital Regional District	Sep '98	6.2	8.9	9.0	5.3	2.7
	Dec '98	6.2	8.4	9.0	5.4	2.6
	Mar '99	6.2	8.4	9.7	5.4	2.5
	Jun '99	5.9	8.2	9.0	5.1	2.5
	Sep '99	5.8	8.3	8.3	5.0	2.5
	Dec '99	5.7	7.8	8.5	4.9	2.5
	Mar '00	5.8	7.8	9.2	5.0	2.5
	Jun '00	5.6	7.7	8.7	4.8	2.5
	Sep '00	5.4	7.6	8.2	4.6	2.5
	Dec '00	5.2	7.3	8.0	4.5	2.5

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	14,326	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.6	41.2
1-2 Years	17.8	17.8
>2 Years	39.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



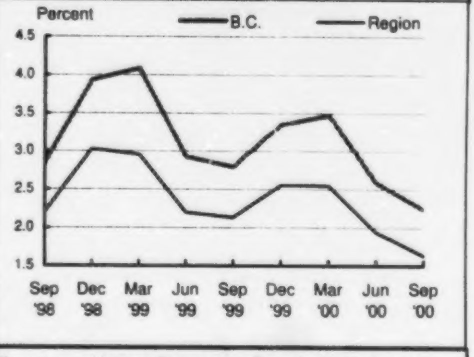
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
	2.2	2.3	2.4	1.0	Sep '98
	3.0	3.6	3.2	1.5	Dec '98
	3.0	3.5	3.2	1.3	Mar '99
	2.2	2.5	2.4	1.1	Jun '99
	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.0	Sep '99
	2.6	3.2	2.7	1.4	Dec '99
	2.6	3.1	2.7	1.3	Mar '00
	1.9	2.0	2.1	0.9	Jun '00
	1.6	1.6	1.8	0.8	Sep '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

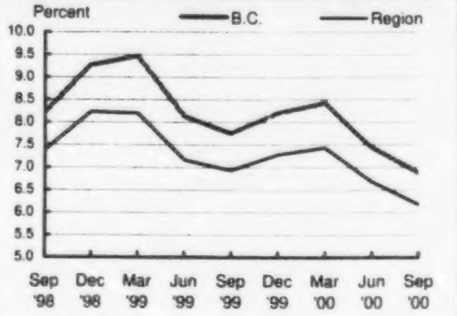
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Capital Regional District	Sep '98	7.4	11.0	7.6	3.4
	Dec '98	8.2	12.1	8.4	4.0
	Mar '99	8.2	12.6	8.4	3.8
	Jun '99	7.2	11.0	7.3	3.5
	Sep '99	6.9	10.0	7.2	3.4
	Dec '99	7.3	11.1	7.4	3.8
	Mar '00	7.4	11.8	7.5	3.7
	Jun '00	6.7	10.4	6.8	3.3
	Sep '00	6.2	9.7	6.3	3.1

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The urban nature of much of the region means that the population density is much greater than the provincial average. The median age of the area's population is much higher than the provincial median, due to the area's status as a retirement centre.

The larger percentage of elderly people affects other demographic variables as well. For example, the gender ratio is weighted much more in favour of females than is the case for British Columbia as a whole, since females tend to live longer than males.

14 Projection

The retirement communities in Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands should continue to grow as the provincial population ages and more people chose to retire in these areas. As Greater Victoria reaches saturation, growth will move into Saanich and Sooke. The Gulf Islands' "Island Trust" exists to ensure that the Islands maintain their character and this control over development will likely keep growth on the Islands to a minimum.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

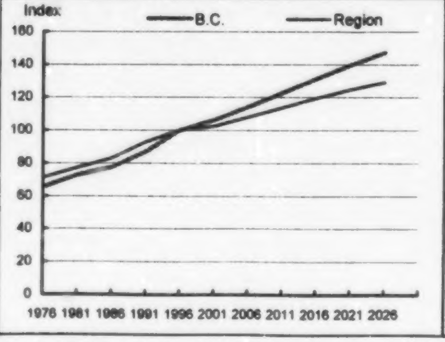
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	13.0	46.7	31.3	56.7	52.7	35.9	236.2	87.7	0.424	0.256	0.680	1976
1981	13.9	41.4	33.1	70.2	54.4	42.8	255.9	103.6	0.351	0.272	0.622	1981
1986	15.8	40.6	30.6	83.6	55.2	49.3	275.0	113.1	0.333	0.291	0.624	1986
1991	17.3	44.6	29.6	98.9	60.2	57.1	307.6	127.7	0.328	0.303	0.631	1991
1996	17.2	48.3	30.2	104.4	72.7	58.9	331.8	138.2	0.316	0.284	0.600	1996
2001	15.3	48.1	27.7	101.6	86.6	60.0	339.4	145.0	0.294	0.278	0.571	2001
2006	15.5	47.8	31.4	97.4	103.5	62.5	358.0	153.1	0.273	0.269	0.542	2006
2011	15.9	47.2	32.9	96.2	115.9	68.6	377.0	164.9	0.257	0.281	0.538	2011
2016	16.6	47.0	33.3	96.6	120.6	81.6	395.7	177.1	0.254	0.326	0.580	2016
2021	17.2	48.3	31.9	100.3	119.9	95.4	412.9	186.7	0.260	0.378	0.638	2021
2026	17.6	49.7	31.5	104.7	115.7	108.7	427.8	195.1	0.267	0.431	0.698	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

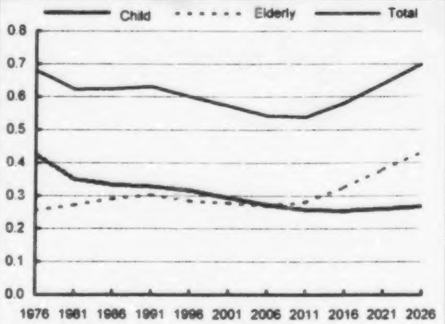
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Cariboo
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Wells

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, cattle ranching and mining also play significant roles in the economy. There is only one major mine left operating in the area after two shut down within a year. The Quesnel River gold mine opened in 1995, but was shut down in March 1998 due to poor metal prices. The Gibraltar mine near Williams Lake closed in February 1999 due to low ore grades and low prices. The remaining operating mine is the Mount Polley mine near Likely, which began production in 1997 and is expected to have about a 14 year life. There is also good potential for several other mines in this region. The Prosperity Gold/Copper Mine has the potential to be one of the largest mines in the province once it goes ahead.

Another major development that could affect this region is the eventual cancellation of the temporary licenses for beetle-killed timber in the Williams Lake Timber Supply Area. It is estimated that the timber attributable to this temporary uplift in the Allowable Annual Cut is responsible for over 500 direct jobs and 200 indirect jobs. The uplift was recently extended until about 2001, but will eventually be removed, and at that time significant employment effects will be felt in this region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,204	2,795	166	47	17	3,025	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	482	559	21	4	1	585	19.3%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	5	2	0	1	8	0.3%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	4	4	1	0	0	5	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	404	340	13	3	0	356	11.8%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	69	118	11	7	10	146	4.8%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	75	84	8	0	0	92	3.0%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	158	332	25	7	0	364	12.0%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	184	246	5	1	0	252	8.3%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	17	19	2	1	0	22	0.7%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	62	40	5	2	0	47	1.6%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	218	84	2	0	0	86	2.8%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	115	166	4	1	1	172	5.7%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	55	37	3	1	0	41	1.4%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	46	99	2	1	0	102	3.4%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	9	15	0	0	2	17	0.6%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	17	133	12	8	2	155	5.1%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	26	46	1	1	0	48	1.6%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	105	208	37	7	0	252	8.3%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	150	243	3	0	0	246	8.1%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		17	9	3	0	29	1.0%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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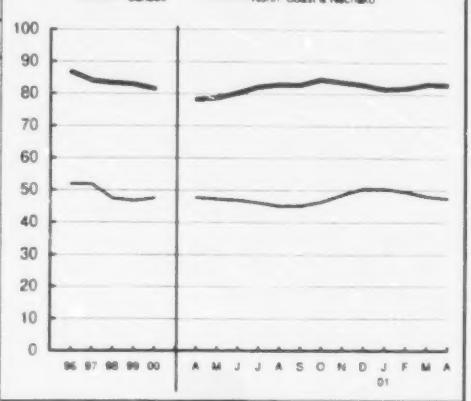
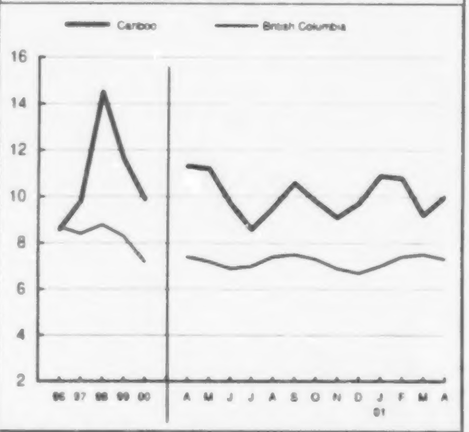
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	81.9	8.1	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	81.0	8.4	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	80.1	9.7	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	78.2	11.3	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
May	78.7	11.2	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	80.2	9.7	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	82.1	8.6	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	82.8	9.5	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	82.8	10.6	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	84.5	9.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	83.6	9.1	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	82.8	9.7	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:					year-to-dat	
Jan-Apr00	79.1	10.3	47.6	7.2	1,913.9	7.5
Jan-Apr01	82.8	10.0	47.7	11.6	1,927.6	7.5
% Change	4.7		0.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



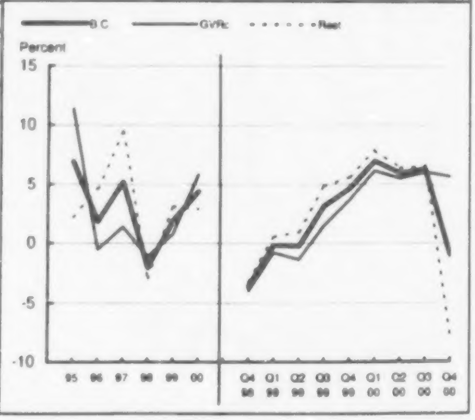
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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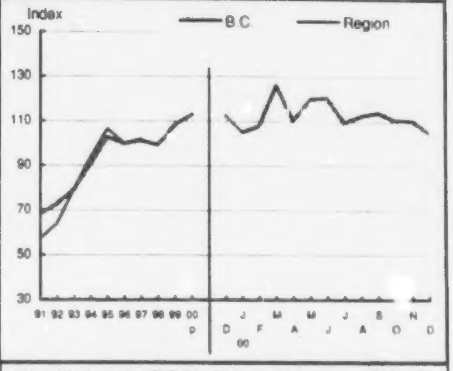
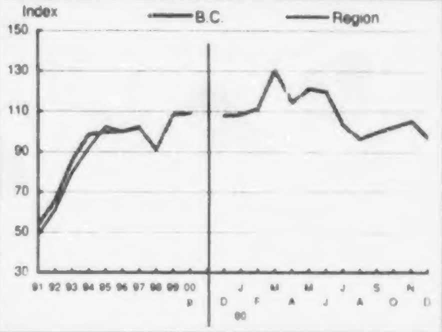
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	1
25	Wood	27	26	31	38	37
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	20	19	23	29	27
30	Metal Fabricating	4	3	3	5	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	54	51	60	74	70
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	891.8	1,033.0	1,152.7	1,125.0	1,153.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	876.3	912.6	893.6	954.2
30	Metal Fabricating	3.4	**	**	**	6.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,153.6	1,365.7	1,547.8	1,452.3	1,481.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	3,708	3,520	3,730	3,835	3,706
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,770	2,758	2,876	2,768
30	Metal Fabricating	36	**	**	**	51
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,737	4,534	4,792	4,906	4,974
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	169.2	171.9	198.4	205.8	200.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	138.2	146.5	151.5	148.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	**	**	**	2.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	216.0	219.5	252.6	259.4	263.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

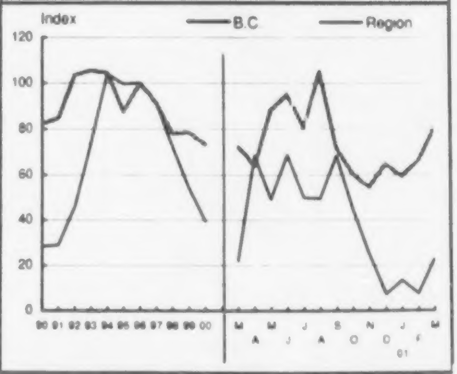


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	64.5	18.2	3.5	7.3	7.4	46.3	484
1994	90.6	31.8	5.2	11.7	14.9	58.8	628
1995	87.0	34.6	14.2	9.3	11.2	52.3	569
1996	87.3	20.4	10.0	8.5	1.9	66.9	651
1997	79.9	29.9	2.0	7.6	20.3	50.0	477
1998	63.3	30.4	6.9	13.4	10.2	32.8	270
1999	47.0	17.7	4.2	10.9	2.6	29.3	227
2000	34.4	13.9	1.6	9.5	2.8	20.5	113
Mar '00	3.1	1.8	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.3	8
Mar '01	3.2	1.5	0.1	0.8	0.6	1.6	8

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Cariboo
Regional District

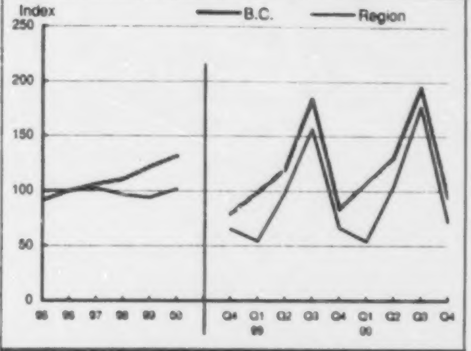
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Regional District	1996	16,508.9	2,459.5	4,321.9	6,650.0	3,077.5
	1997	16,874.6	2,340.0	4,541.4	6,962.6	3,030.6
	1998	15,950.9	2,400.7	4,219.5	6,625.6	2,705.1
	1999	15,495.9	2,244.2	4,055.6	6,454.3	2,741.8
	2000	16,787.4	2,227.7	4,292.2	7,294.5	2,973.1
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Cariboo 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,787.4	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,117.3	6.7%
Hotels	5,440.5	32.4%
Motels	7,811.9	46.5%
Vacation Rentals	1,026.6	6.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

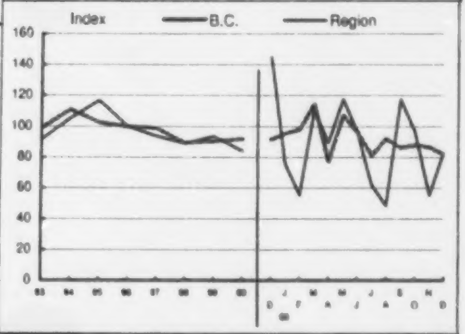


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	159
1994	183
1995	203
1996	174
1997	163
1998	155
1999	163
2000	146
Jan-Dec 99	163
Jan-Dec 00	146

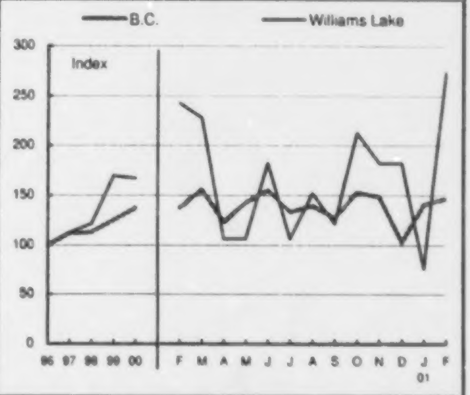
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



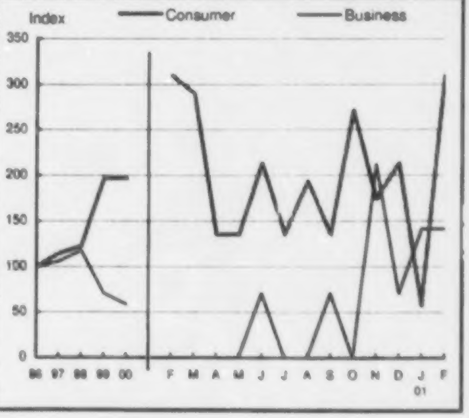
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Williams Lake		Quesnel		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	62	17	40	18	6,436	948
1997	71	18	51	13	7,366	895
1998	76	20	63	11	7,327	1,031
1999	122	12	69	8	8,179	1,075
2000	122	10	61	7	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	24	4	14	3	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	19	4	14	2	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Williams Lake Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

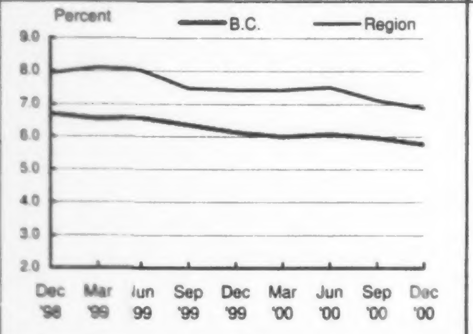
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Regional District	Sep '98	7.9	10.8	10.0	6.5	3.9
	Dec '98	7.9	10.4	11.0	6.5	3.7
	Mar '99	8.1	10.6	11.2	6.8	3.7
	Jun '99	8.0	10.5	10.5	6.7	3.7
	Sep '99	7.5	10.2	9.2	6.2	3.7
	Dec '99	7.4	9.8	9.5	6.3	3.7
	Mar '00	7.4	9.5	9.9	6.3	3.7
	Jun '00	7.5	9.6	10.3	6.4	3.7
	Sep '00	7.1	9.4	9.2	5.9	3.7
	Dec '00	6.9	8.7	9.1	5.8	3.7

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,386	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.9	41.2
1-2 Years	19.8	17.8
>2 Years	36.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



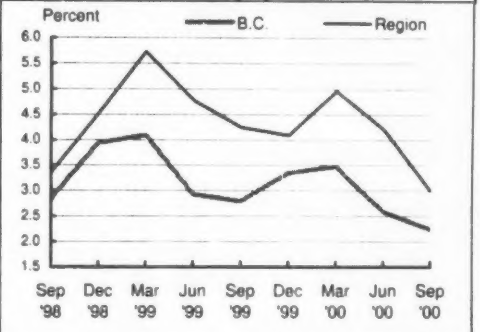
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	3.4	4.0	3.6	1.6	Sep '98
	4.5	5.6	4.8	2.3	Dec '98
	5.7	6.6	6.1	3.0	Mar '99
	4.8	4.9	5.2	2.5	Jun '99
	4.2	4.4	4.7	2.1	Sep '99
	4.1	4.5	4.4	2.2	Dec '99
	5.0	5.6	5.3	2.8	Mar '00
	4.2	4.3	4.5	2.9	Jun '00
	3.0	3.4	3.2	1.7	Sep '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

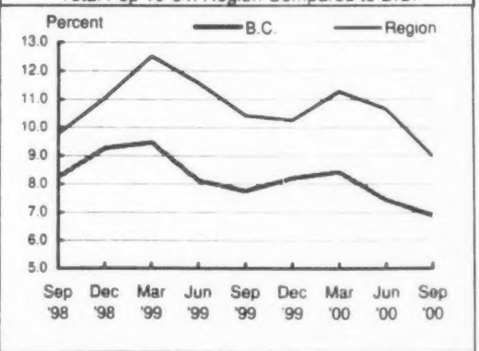
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Regional District	Sep '98	9.8	13.8	9.8	5.9
	Dec '98	11.1	16.1	11.0	6.7
	Mar '99	12.5	17.3	12.7	7.5
	Jun '99	11.6	15.2	11.9	7.1
	Sep '99	10.4	13.4	10.7	6.5
	Dec '99	10.3	13.5	10.4	6.6
	Mar '00	11.3	15.2	11.4	7.2
	Jun '00	10.7	14.2	10.7	7.4
	Sep '00	9.0	12.3	9.0	6.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Cariboo
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region experienced net migration outflows through much of the eighties, probably due to the downturn in the forest sector. The temporary license for beetle-killed timber has helped boost employment in the forest sector and has attracted more people to the area in recent years. The dependence on male-dominated resource sector industries is the reason for a gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, where there are more females than males. The median age of the population of this area is significantly younger than the provincial median. This is reflected in the child dependency ratio, which is significantly higher than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

This area could experience significant growth if the new mines come on line, although there will likely be outflows due to the recent closures. The cancellation of the temporary licenses for beetle-killed timber, when it occurs, could result in net outflows for a few years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

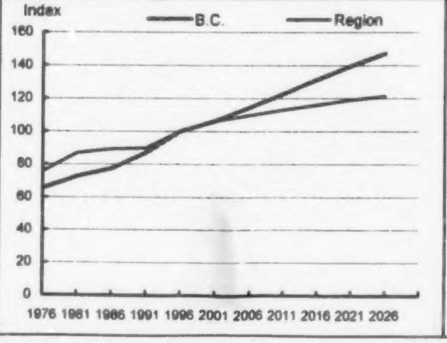
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	5.1	15.0	7.0	15.6	8.1	2.0	52.8	15.2	0.654	0.066	0.719	1976
1981	5.9	14.8	8.4	19.4	9.5	2.7	60.7	18.9	0.555	0.073	0.628	1981
1986	5.4	14.6	6.9	21.0	11.0	3.6	62.4	20.6	0.515	0.092	0.607	1986
1991	4.8	14.1	5.6	20.9	12.6	4.8	62.8	21.6	0.484	0.122	0.607	1991
1996	4.7	15.0	6.5	22.3	15.7	5.9	70.0	25.1	0.443	0.132	0.575	1996
2001	4.8	14.4	7.6	21.6	18.8	7.1	74.2	28.0	0.399	0.147	0.546	2001
2006	4.8	13.2	7.8	20.5	21.8	8.5	76.8	30.2	0.358	0.170	0.528	2006
2011	4.8	12.5	7.3	20.4	23.5	10.4	79.0	32.6	0.339	0.203	0.542	2011
2016	4.8	12.5	6.6	21.1	23.0	13.1	81.1	34.3	0.341	0.259	0.600	2016
2021	4.7	12.8	6.3	22.0	21.5	15.9	83.2	35.8	0.351	0.318	0.669	2021
2026	4.6	12.9	6.5	21.6	20.9	18.3	84.8	37.1	0.358	0.375	0.733	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

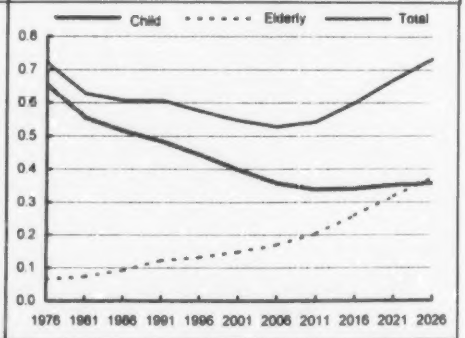
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Central Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Forestry, tourism and fishing dominate the economy of this sparsely populated region. Harvesting is the main activity in the forest sector as there are no large processing facilities in the area. The dependence on harvesting makes this region particularly prone to reductions in the Allowable Annual Cut. The AAC for the Mid Coast Timber Supply Area was reduced in 1992 and although no further cuts were made in the short-term, it is likely that the amount of timber available for harvesting will be further reduced over the long-term.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

		Central Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	71	92	15	4	0	111	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	29	22	7	0	0	29	26.1%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	7	9	1	0	0	10	9.0%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	3	2	0	1	0	3	2.7%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade		1	0	0	0	1	0.9%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	4	9	3	0	0	12	10.8%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	6	6	0	0	0	6	5.4%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.9%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance		1	0	0	0	1	0.9%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3	2	0	0	0	2	1.8%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	3	1	0	0	0	1	0.9%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.9%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	5	4	0	0	0	4	3.6%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services		3	0	2	0	5	4.5%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance		6	2	0	0	8	7.2%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation		2	0	0	0	2	1.8%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	3	8	2	0	0	10	9.0%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	6	9	0	0	0	9	8.1%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		5	0	1	0	6	5.4%	0.5%	850

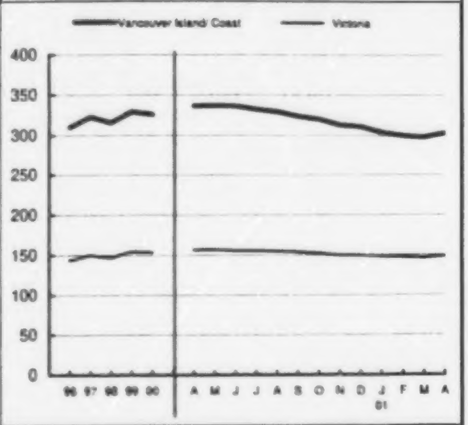
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Central Coast
Regional District

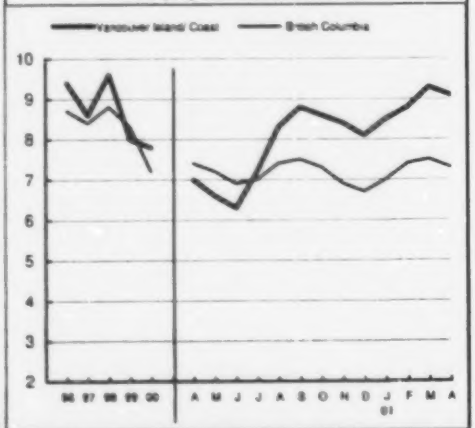
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1991			134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	333.4	7.5	155.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	299.8	9.2	147.0	5.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	-10.1		-5.3		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



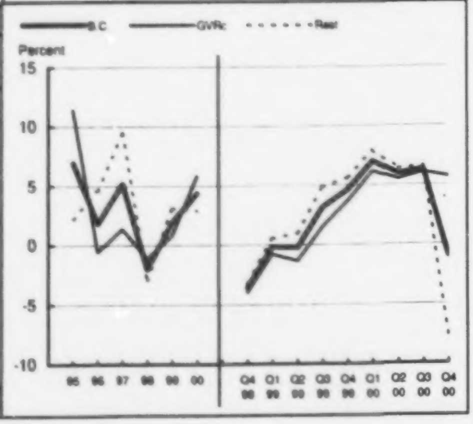
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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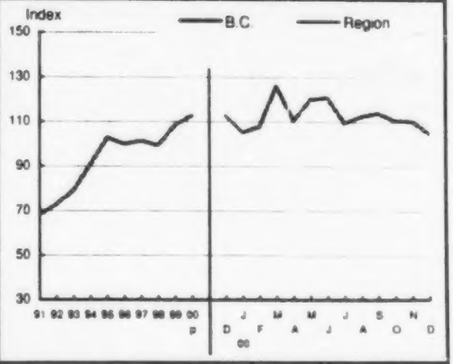
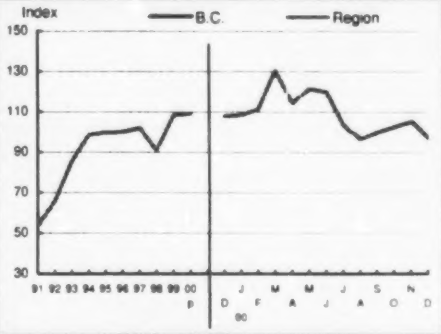
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	6	0	1	1
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2	6	0	1	1
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0	**	**
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

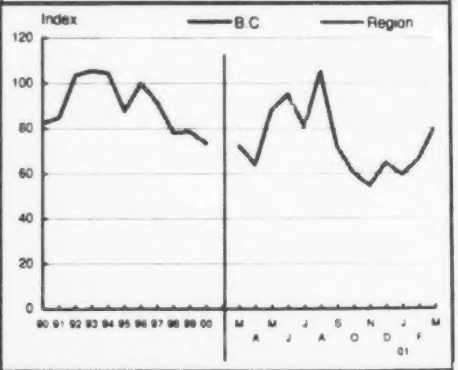


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar '00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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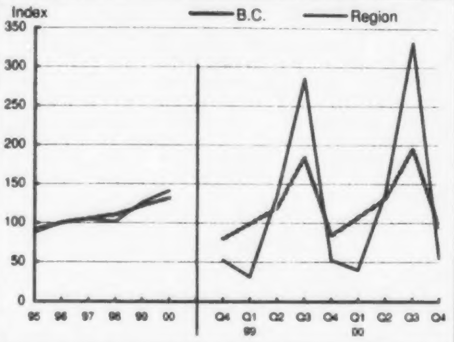
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Coast Regional District	1996	946.5	86.1	240.2	433.7	186.5
	1997	988.4	89.1	208.3	565.1	126.0
	1998	959.0	94.8	295.7	444.7	123.7
	1999	1,194.5	73.8	321.9	674.3	124.5
	2000	1,334.2	93.9	325.4	785.3	129.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Central Coast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,334.2	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

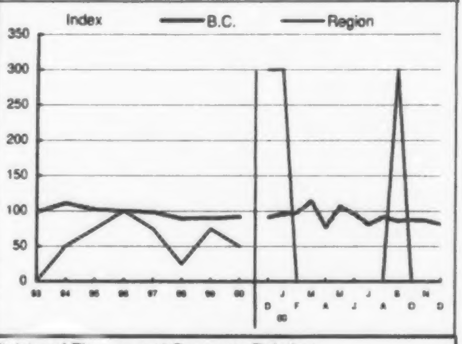


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	0
1994	2
1995	3
1996	4
1997	3
1998	1
1999	3
2000	2
Jan-Dec 99	3
Jan-Dec 00	2

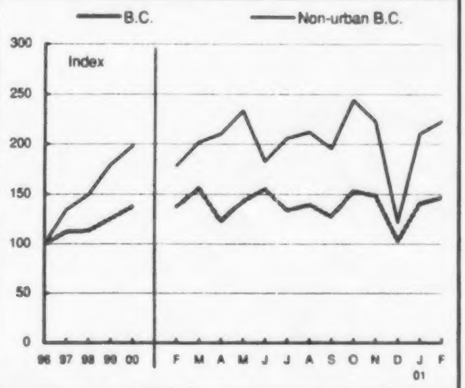
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



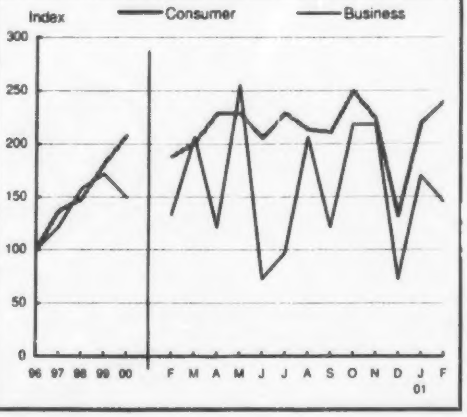
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	472	99	6,436	948
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Central Coast Regional District	Sep '98	4.9	5.4	6.3	4.6	2.3
	Dec '98	4.9	5.2	5.3	4.7	2.2
	Mar '99	4.9	5.5	6.5	4.5	2.3
	Jun '99	3.7	3.2	-	4.0	2.3
	Sep '99	5.0	5.8	4.9	4.7	2.3
	Dec '99	4.8	5.8	5.6	4.2	2.3
	Mar '00	5.6	6.0	6.7	5.3	2.3
	Jun '00	6.2	6.8	8.5	5.6	2.3
	Sep '00	6.0	8.0	7.2	4.9	2.3
	Dec '00	6.2	7.9	7.4	5.2	2.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

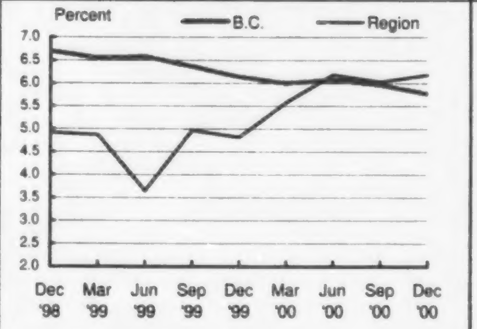
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.0	4.1	3.1	-	Sep '98
8.7	7.5	9.3	6.0	Dec '98
10.2	9.8	10.8	6.9	Mar '99
5.5	4.3	6.3	1.9	Jun '99
4.8	3.7	5.3	2.5	Sep '99
8.9	7.0	9.4	7.8	Dec '99
9.1	5.8	9.9	7.2	Mar '00
4.1	2.8	4.7	-	Jun '00
3.3	1.8	3.9	-	Sep '00

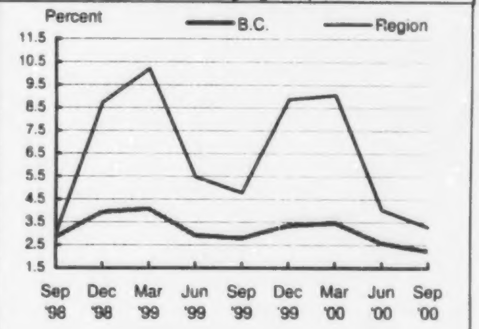
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	125	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	73.0	41.2
1-2 Years	14.8	17.8
>2 Years	12.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

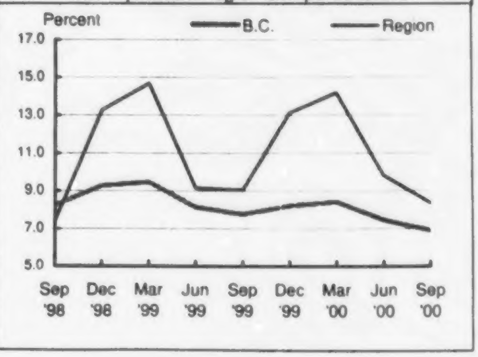
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Central Coast Regional District	Sep '98	7.4	9.4	7.5	4.6
	Dec '98	13.3	11.5	13.9	10.8
	Mar '99	14.7	16.3	15.2	10.2
	Jun '99	9.1	7.6	10.1	5.1
	Sep '99	9.0	8.4	9.6	6.4
	Dec '99	13.1	12.6	13.4	12.3
	Mar '00	14.2	12.5	14.8	12.1
	Jun '00	9.8	11.3	10.1	6.9
	Sep '00	8.3	8.9	8.7	6.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The population in this area is largely Native. The Native population tends to be younger, on average, than non-Natives, and as a result, the median age of the population in this area is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children in the population, with the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) significantly higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is significantly lower than the provincial ratio.

There are more men than women in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, where the reverse is the case. The median age of death is substantially younger than for the province as a whole, and this is partly due to this gender bias in favour of men, who tend to have lower life expectancies than women, and partly due to the concentration of Natives, who tend to have lower life expectancies than non-Natives.

14 Projection

This area has generally experienced small net outflows of migrants in the past, and this is expected to continue to be the case. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) should offset the out-migration for at least the next ten years, although as the population ages, the natural increase will drop and there will likely be a slight population decline over time.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

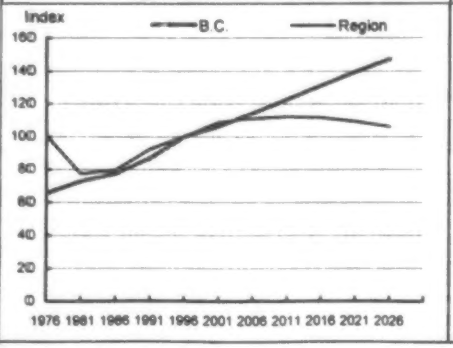
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.4	1.2	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.2	4.1	1.2	0.727	0.066	0.793	1976
1981	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.1	3.2	0.9	0.604	0.079	0.684	1981
1986	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.2	3.3	1.0	0.525	0.085	0.610	1986
1991	0.4	0.9	0.4	1.3	0.7	0.2	3.8	1.1	0.537	0.091	0.628	1991
1996	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.3	4.1	1.4	0.494	0.100	0.594	1996
2001	0.3	1.0	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.3	4.4	1.6	0.467	0.120	0.587	2001
2006	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.4	4.5	1.6	0.425	0.148	0.573	2006
2011	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.1	1.4	0.6	4.6	1.7	0.375	0.169	0.564	2011
2016	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	1.4	0.7	4.6	1.7	0.361	0.241	0.602	2016
2021	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.0	1.4	0.8	4.5	1.8	0.349	0.316	0.664	2021
2026	0.2	0.6	0.3	1.0	1.2	1.0	4.3	1.7	0.352	0.395	0.747	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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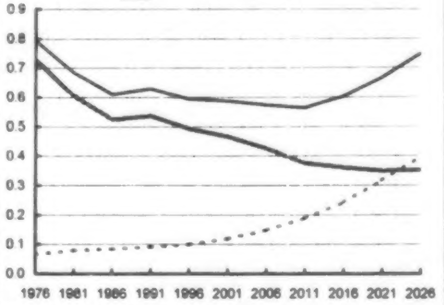

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, Slocan

Forestry is one of the main economic drivers for this region, particularly in the Castlegar and Arrow Lakes areas. Construction activity associated with the major dams in the area is another important economic driver.

There are major hydro-electric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost the employment base for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit to begin in 2000. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway and the Brilliant dam is set to be upgraded and expanded as well.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,623	2,301	123	50	10	2,484	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	169	271	10	6	0	287	11.6%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	8	1	0	0	9	0.4%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	3	7	0	0	0	7	0.3%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	312	274	8	1	0	283	11.4%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	63	98	8	5	3	114	4.6%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	51	78	2	0	0	80	3.2%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	170	325	11	7	0	343	13.8%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	93	136	2	0	0	138	5.6%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	14	34	1	0	0	35	1.4%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	65	40	3	2	0	45	1.8%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	185	83	5	0	0	88	3.5%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	132	176	5	1	0	182	7.3%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	40	28	2	1	0	31	1.2%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	69	73	2	0	0	75	3.0%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	13	24	1	2	5	32	1.3%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	158	17	15	2	192	7.7%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	23	72	5	1	0	78	3.1%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	79	187	34	5	0	226	9.1%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	119	190	5	0	0	195	7.9%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	1	39	1	4	0	44	1.8%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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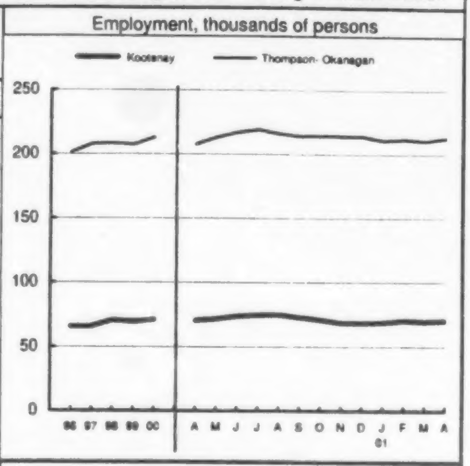
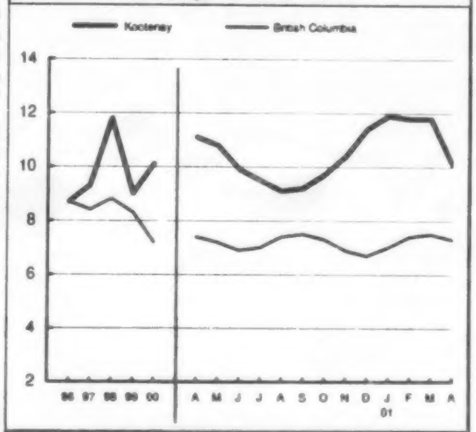
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	67.4	9.6	204.1	9.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	68.5	10.1	204.9	9.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	69.6	10.1	206.0	10.3	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	70.5	11.1	207.6	11.4	1,919.7	7.4
	May	71.8	10.8	212.8	10.9	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	73.7	9.9	216.7	9.8	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	74.7	9.5	219.0	8.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	74.8	9.1	215.8	8.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	72.8	9.2	214.1	8.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	71.0	9.7	214.2	8.4	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	68.7	10.4	213.9	8.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	68.5	11.4	213.9	8.0	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	70.2	10.5	206.8	10.8	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	70.1	10.9	211.3	9.5	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	0.0		2.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



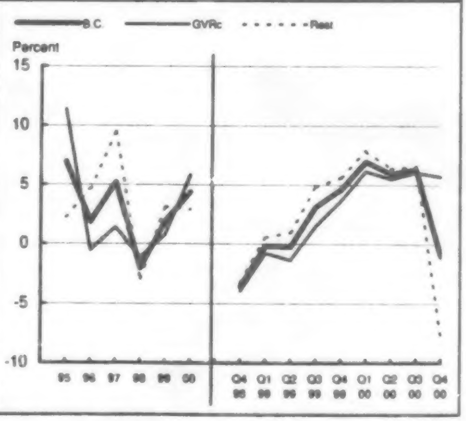
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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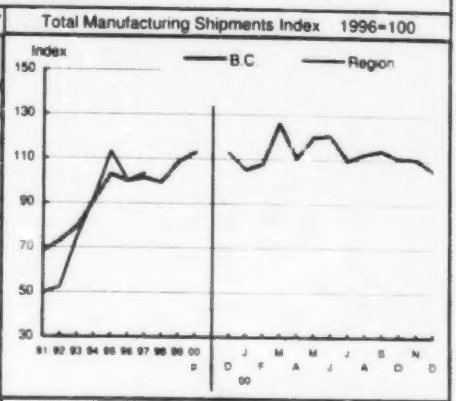
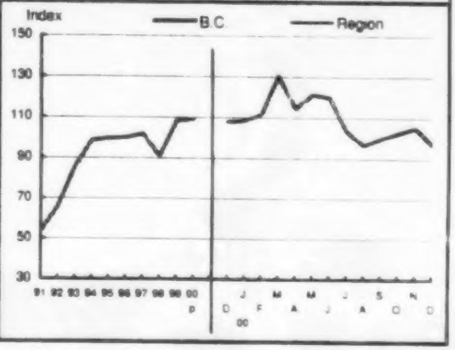
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	1	1	0
25	Wood	13	12	13	16	16
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	8	9	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	4	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	29	28	33	37	34
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	224.9	**	**	**	283.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	218.9	233.7	259.6	252.4	275.6
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	376.6	466.3	571.3	505.5	522.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,052	**	**	**	1,126
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,002	852	1,002	924	1,046
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,740	1,577	1,743	1,635	1,846
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.4	**	**	**	48.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	40.6	35.6	45.5	40.8	46.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.1	71.5	84.4	78.1	87.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

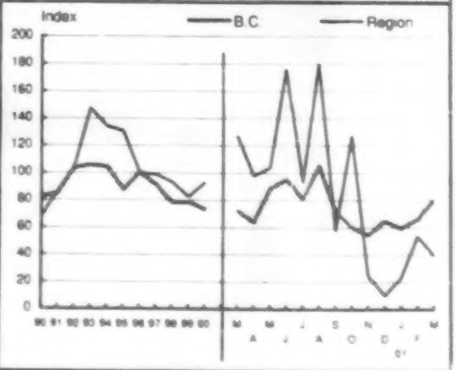


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	92.2	27.8	1.5	10.7	15.6	64.5	657
1994	84.1	21.6	2.3	8.7	10.5	62.5	568
1995	82.0	35.4	1.1	11.5	22.9	46.6	480
1996	62.8	19.7	0.7	16.0	3.1	43.1	435
1997	62.0	12.0	1.1	9.5	1.5	50.0	445
1998	58.5	18.1	4.0	8.7	5.4	40.4	356
1999	51.7	14.3	1.6	8.4	4.3	37.3	351
2000	58.0	26.9	3.9	8.3	14.7	31.1	244
Mar '00	12.6	4.5	0.5	0.8	3.2	8.1	76
Mar '01	6.0	2.6	0.0	1.1	1.5	3.4	22

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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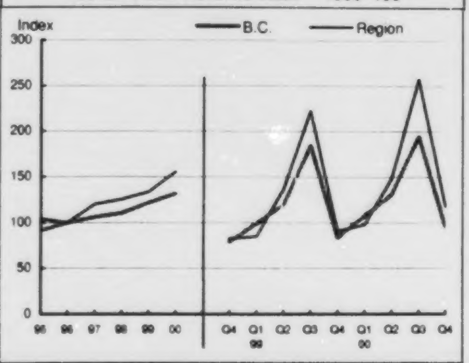
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Kootenay Regional District	1996	10,747.7	1,768.3	2,784.8	4,392.0	1,802.5
	1997	12,874.6	1,908.2	3,508.5	5,272.7	2,185.1
	1998	13,468.2	2,257.0	3,483.2	5,508.9	2,219.1
	1999	14,351.6	2,279.4	3,670.4	5,962.7	2,439.1
	2000	16,683.8	2,625.4	3,987.5	6,910.2	3,160.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Central Kootenay 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,683.8	100.0%
Hotels	9,003.6	54.0%
Motels	5,956.9	35.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

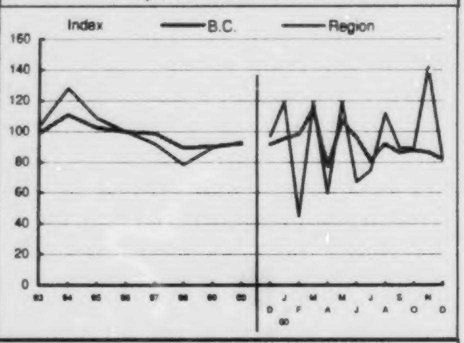


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	166
1994	206
1995	175
1996	161
1997	148
1998	126
1999	144
2000	150
Jan-Dec 99	144
Jan-Dec 00	150

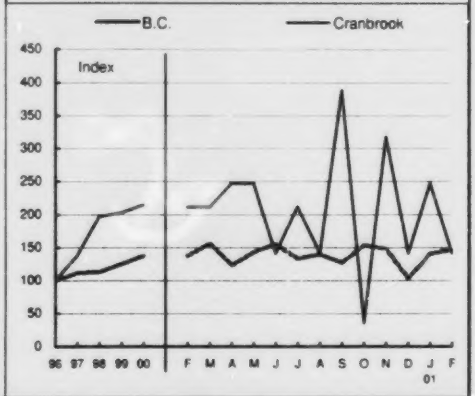
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



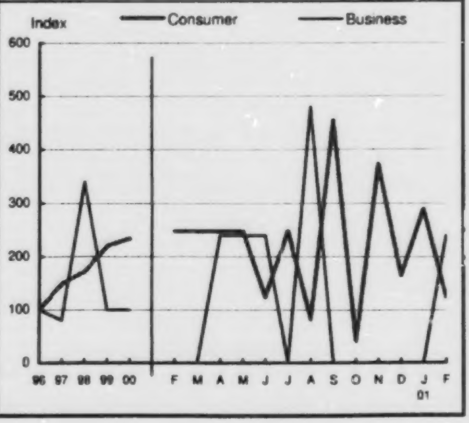
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	29	5	472	99	6,436	948
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	14	0	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	10	1	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Sep '98	8.0	11.0	9.9	7.0	4.0
	Dec '98	7.7	10.4	10.2	6.8	3.7
	Mar '99	8.1	11.0	10.6	7.3	3.7
	Jun '99	8.0	11.3	9.8	7.0	3.7
	Sep '99	7.7	11.0	9.0	6.7	3.7
	Dec '99	7.6	10.6	8.7	6.7	3.7
	Mar '00	7.9	10.9	9.8	7.0	3.7
	Jun '00	7.7	10.9	8.8	6.8	3.7
	Sep '00	7.3	10.4	8.0	6.5	3.7
	Dec '00	7.1	9.9	8.0	6.4	3.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

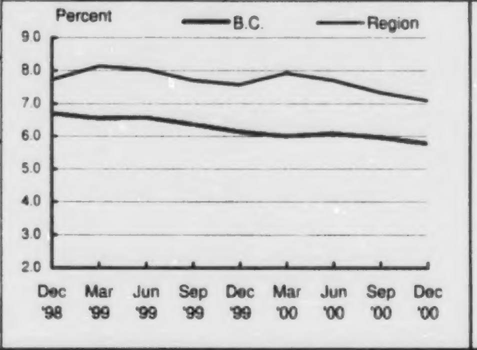
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.3	3.6	3.7	1.3	Sep '98
5.4	6.9	5.9	2.3	Dec '98
5.8	7.3	6.3	2.7	Mar '99
3.3	3.9	3.7	1.4	Jun '99
3.1	3.4	3.6	1.3	Sep '99
4.4	5.5	4.8	2.0	Dec '99
5.0	6.2	5.5	2.3	Mar '00
2.9	3.2	3.3	1.5	Jun '00
2.6	2.9	2.9	1.0	Sep '00

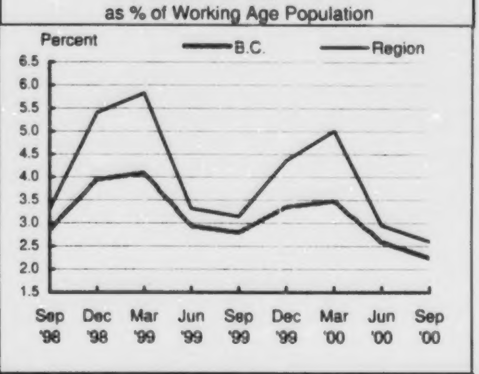
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,702	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.2	41.2
1-2 Years	18.6	17.8
>2 Years	34.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

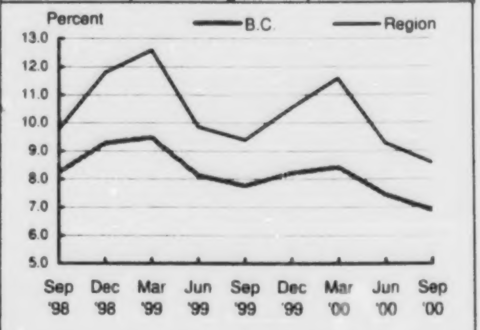
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Sep '98	9.8	13.2	10.5	4.5
	Dec '98	11.8	16.8	12.5	5.6
	Mar '99	12.6	17.5	13.4	5.9
	Jun '99	9.9	13.5	10.5	4.6
	Sep '99	9.4	12.1	10.1	4.5
	Dec '99	10.5	13.8	11.3	5.0
	Mar '00	11.6	15.9	12.4	5.4
	Jun '00	9.3	11.8	10.0	4.5
	Sep '00	8.6	10.7	9.3	4.1

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many resource dependent regions in the province, this area experienced net migration outflows in the mid-eighties due to the downturn in the resource sectors. However, net migration to this region through most of the nineties was fairly high.

The median age of the population in this region is significantly higher than the provincial median age. This is reflected in the proportion of elderly in the population, which is higher than the corresponding provincial figure, but there are also proportionately more children as well.

14 Projection

The construction activity associated with the dam upgrading and expansion should provide a boost in migration to this region, although following the period of construction, there will likely be an outflow as the construction force moves on. Nevertheless, net migration should be positive throughout most of the projection period. The net migration should more than offset losses due to an excess of deaths over births later in the projection and this will result in continuous population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	12.0	6.1	12.5	10.6	5.5	50.2	16.8	0.534	0.187	0.721	1976
1981	3.8	11.2	6.0	15.3	10.5	6.6	53.5	19.6	0.470	0.208	0.679	1981
1986	3.6	9.7	4.5	14.9	10.6	7.6	51.0	19.7	0.443	0.253	0.696	1986
1991	3.4	9.7	4.3	15.6	11.3	8.1	52.4	20.7	0.422	0.259	0.681	1991
1996	3.4	11.4	4.9	17.4	14.4	8.8	60.3	23.8	0.402	0.239	0.641	1996
2001	3.0	10.6	5.9	16.0	16.8	9.6	62.0	25.5	0.353	0.249	0.601	2001
2006	3.2	9.6	6.3	16.0	19.1	10.5	64.8	27.5	0.311	0.254	0.565	2006
2011	3.6	9.3	5.9	17.5	20.6	11.6	68.5	30.0	0.293	0.263	0.556	2011
2016	3.8	9.8	5.3	19.1	20.5	13.7	72.2	32.0	0.301	0.304	0.605	2016
2021	3.7	10.5	5.0	20.0	20.0	16.0	75.3	33.3	0.315	0.356	0.671	2021
2026	3.6	10.8	5.5	19.5	20.4	18.2	78.0	34.7	0.319	0.400	0.719	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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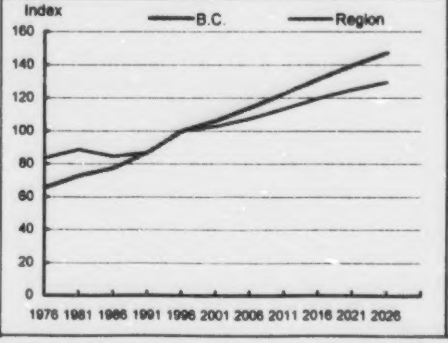
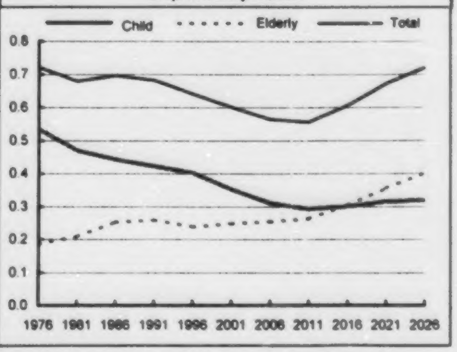


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Kelowna, Lake Country, Peachland

The economy of this region is well diversified. Tourism, forestry, and agriculture all are important industries in the region. The warm climate makes this area one of the more important agricultural centres in the province and is one of the attractions for tourists. It also makes the region a popular retirement centre.

The stability of the agricultural and tourism sectors and the popularity of the region as a retirement centre should ensure continued growth for this region. The Coquihalla highway has made this area even more popular as a tourist destination, and the improved transportation links to the Lower Mainland have enhanced the Central Okanagan as a place to locate secondary industry.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,064	5,610	523	164	19	6,316	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	184	378	11	4	1	394	6.2%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	16	32	0	1	0	33	0.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	14	6	0	1	0	7	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	1,165	854	76	12	0	942	14.9%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	188	268	48	18	5	339	5.4%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	264	351	27	1	0	379	6.0%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	380	651	54	26	2	733	11.6%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	235	183	9	11	0	203	3.2%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	33	37	12	4	0	53	0.8%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	337	219	20	6	1	246	3.9%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	681	310	14	7	0	331	5.2%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	512	505	22	3	0	530	8.4%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	234	168	31	4	1	204	3.2%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	234	271	20	6	0	297	4.7%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	23	51	3	4	2	60	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	46	501	36	17	4	558	8.8%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	64	78	16	7	0	101	1.6%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	157	261	104	26	3	394	6.2%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	296	465	17	2	0	484	7.7%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	1	21	3	4	0	28	0.4%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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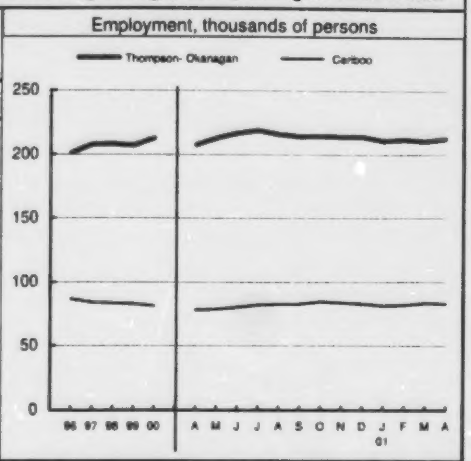
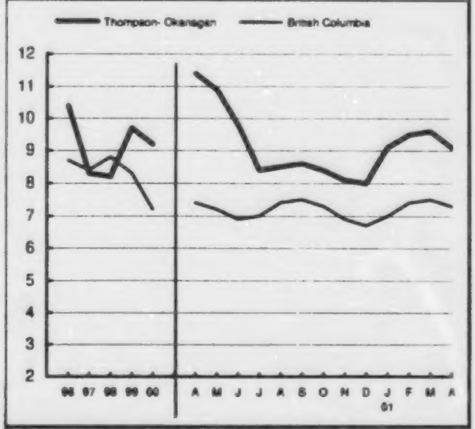
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	206.8	10.8	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	211.3	9.5	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	2.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



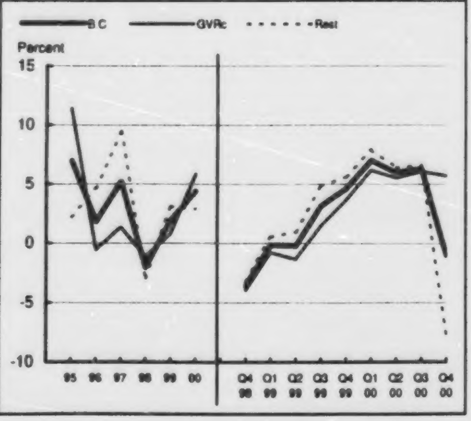
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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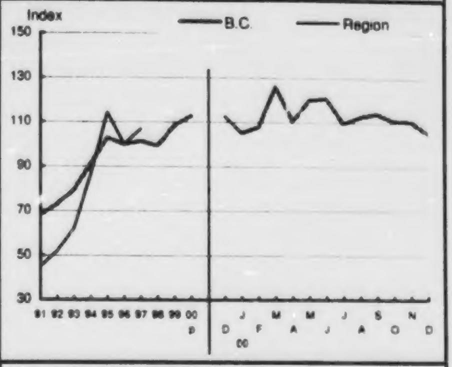
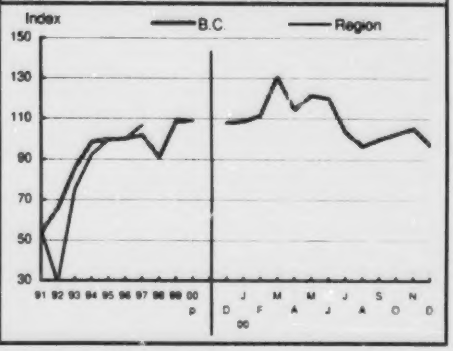
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	3	4	4	3
25	Wood	22	23	21	21	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	4	3	3
30	Metal Fabricating	17	17	18	23	24
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	106	122	135	131
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	153.9	189.1	203.9	205.1	218.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	48.0	48.3	53.5	56.1	62.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	640.1	890.0	1,175.9	1,031.0	1,101.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,103	1,144	991	887	999
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	553	494	546	551	598
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,271	4,828	5,349	4,802	5,044
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.1	47.8	45.6	46.7	49.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	16.6	15.2	18.2	19.7	20.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	143.6	171.3	193.3	180.7	189.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

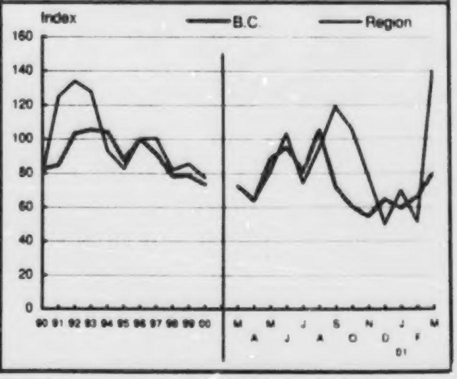


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	268.6	92.3	3.1	44.7	44.4	176.3	1,896
1994	195.0	55.0	10.2	34.6	10.2	139.9	1,391
1995	173.3	58.1	8.2	28.9	20.9	115.2	1,190
1996	209.8	70.6	7.8	37.0	25.8	139.2	1,555
1997	210.9	63.7	13.0	34.9	15.7	147.2	1,433
1998	172.0	79.0	17.0	55.8	6.1	93.0	895
1999	179.4	77.5	8.7	32.1	36.7	102.0	1,004
2000	162.4	71.6	14.4	31.6	25.6	90.8	833
Mar '00	27.9	7.0	0.4	6.1	0.5	20.9	179
Mar '01	45.6	19.9	0.2	10.5	9.3	25.7	198

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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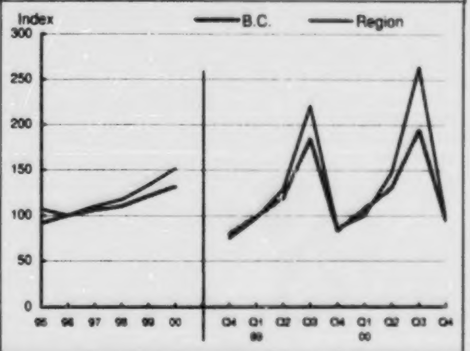
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Okanagan Regional District	1996	36,900.0	5,702.8	9,796.1	15,476.2	5,924.8
	1997	40,600.8	6,775.4	10,620.5	16,760.6	6,444.3
	1998	43,313.4	7,253.0	11,112.1	18,056.4	6,892.0
	1999	49,068.3	8,952.3	11,900.4	20,333.0	7,882.5
	2000	55,912.8	9,215.3	13,566.8	24,295.8	8,835.0
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Central Okanagan 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	55,912.8	100.0%
Hotels	38,593.6	69.0%
76+ Rooms	32,634.4	58.4%
1-75 Rooms	5,959.2	10.7%
Motels	10,966.0	19.6%
Vacation Rentals	6,082.8	10.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

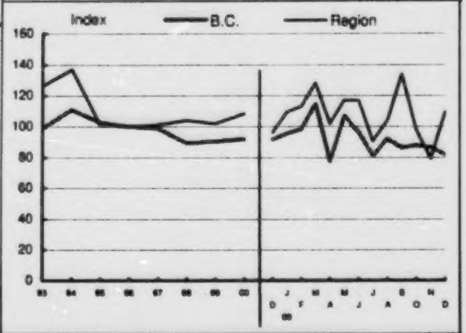


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	804
1994	873
1995	642
1996	637
1997	644
1998	662
1999	649
2000	690
Jan-Dec 99	649
Jan-Dec 00	690

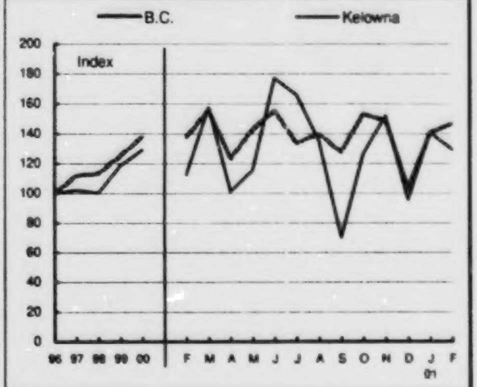
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



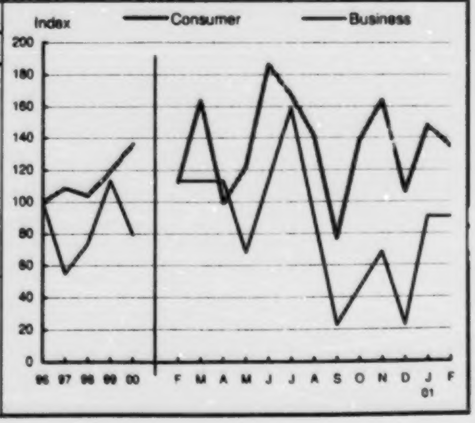
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	374	53	472	99	6,436	948
1997	407	29	646	120	7,366	895
1998	389	39	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	446	60	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	509	42	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	84	6	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	88	8	160	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kelowna Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Sep '98	6.0	9.0	6.8	4.9	3.1
	Dec '98	5.7	8.1	6.6	4.9	2.8
	Mar '99	5.9	8.5	7.8	5.0	2.9
	Jun '99	5.9	8.5	7.6	4.9	2.9
	Sep '99	5.6	8.4	7.2	4.6	2.9
	Dec '99	5.6	8.2	7.5	4.6	2.9
	Mar '00	5.8	8.5	7.9	4.8	2.9
	Jun '00	5.5	8.2	7.3	4.5	2.9
	Sep '00	5.5	8.3	7.1	4.5	2.9
	Dec '00	5.4	8.0	7.2	4.5	2.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

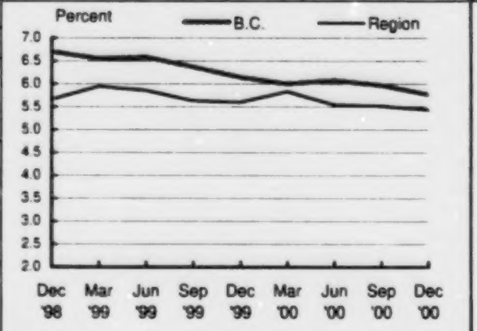
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
2.9	3.1	3.3	1.5	Sep '98
4.6	5.1	5.0	2.5	Dec '98
5.0	5.6	5.4	2.7	Mar '99
3.4	3.8	3.7	1.8	Jun '99
3.2	3.2	3.5	1.8	Sep '99
4.0	4.2	4.3	2.4	Dec '99
4.5	4.8	4.9	2.6	Mar '00
3.4	3.8	3.6	2.0	Jun '00
2.9	3.2	3.2	1.5	Sep '00

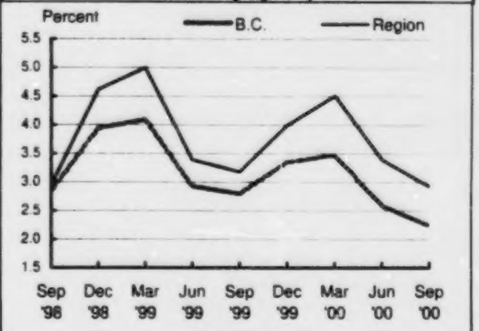
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	6,735	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.7	41.2
1-2 Years	17.7	17.8
>2 Years	31.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

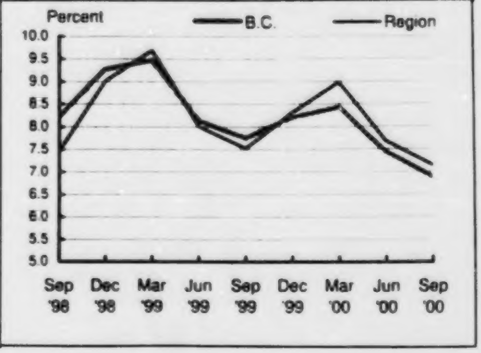
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Sep '98	7.5	9.5	7.9	3.8
	Dec '98	9.0	11.3	9.6	4.9
	Mar '99	9.7	13.0	10.2	5.2
	Jun '99	8.0	11.1	8.4	4.2
	Sep '99	7.5	10.0	7.9	4.0
	Dec '99	8.3	11.1	8.7	4.5
	Mar '00	9.0	12.0	9.4	4.9
	Jun '00	7.7	10.7	7.9	4.3
	Sep '00	7.1	10.0	7.4	3.7

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Regional District

13 Demographics

High inflows of interprovincial migrants have resulted in the population of this area more than doubling in the last 25 years. This region was one of the highest growth areas in the province through the nineties.

Due to the presence of a large retirement base, the median age of the population is significantly higher than the provincial median. Since women tend to live longer than men, this also helps explain the bias towards females in the gender ratio. The ratio of females to males is significantly higher than the provincial ratio. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the ratio for the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The diversity of the economy and the pleasant climate make this area one of the more popular locations to move to in the province. This will likely continue to be the case for some time and this region can expect to continue to receive large net inflows of migrants throughout the projection period. As a result, population growth in this area will remain strong.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.6	17.3	8.4	18.2	15.3	9.0	72.9	24.4	0.524	0.215	0.738	1976
1981	5.3	17.2	10.3	23.5	18.6	12.5	87.3	31.9	0.428	0.238	0.666	1981
1986	5.6	16.0	9.5	25.8	20.4	15.5	92.8	35.5	0.388	0.278	0.667	1986
1991	7.1	19.0	9.8	34.1	24.7	20.0	114.7	44.3	0.380	0.291	0.671	1991
1996	8.3	24.0	12.1	42.4	31.2	23.9	141.9	55.3	0.377	0.279	0.656	1996
2001	7.6	25.5	13.1	44.4	37.3	27.4	155.4	61.2	0.349	0.289	0.637	2001
2006	8.6	25.9	15.6	48.3	46.4	30.8	175.5	71.9	0.313	0.279	0.591	2006
2011	9.8	26.7	16.6	53.4	55.1	34.4	196.0	83.6	0.292	0.275	0.567	2011
2016	11.0	28.9	16.9	59.5	60.8	40.2	217.2	95.1	0.291	0.293	0.584	2016
2021	11.8	32.0	17.0	64.2	65.7	47.3	238.0	105.5	0.298	0.322	0.620	2021
2026	12.4	34.7	18.5	67.1	69.6	55.5	257.8	115.9	0.303	0.358	0.661	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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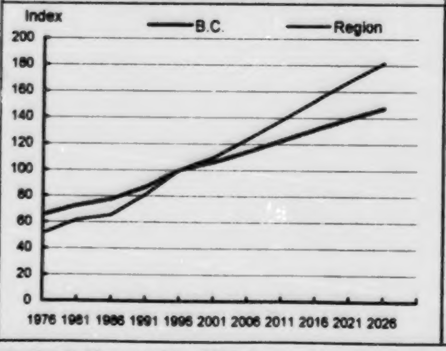
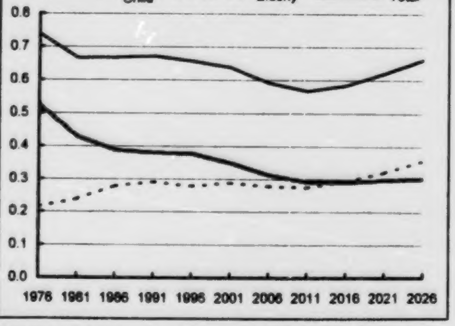


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Sicamous

The economy of this region is based on forestry, tourism and services and construction related to rail transportation and hydro facilities. In the past, the Revelstoke area was the beneficiary of several mega-projects, and as a result, received large inflows of migrants. However, once the projects were completed, many of these people moved on, suggesting the construction activity was artificially propping up the population.

The resource sectors in this region have been struggling over the last few years with mill and mine closures occurring. The Evans Forest Products' mill (now owned by Louisiana-Pacific) at Golden has managed to keep afloat, which is good news for the community, but if it ever does shut down permanently, there will likely be significant population effects for this region. There are some promising mineral deposits in the region that could lead to future mine development.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Columbia-Shuswap							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,717	2,008	123	48	6	2,185	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	205	246	11	1	0	258	11.8%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	9	11	1	0	0	12	0.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	2	4	0	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	331	280	5	5	0	290	13.3%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	75	106	14	6	2	128	5.9%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	60	90	3	0	0	93	4.3%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	134	258	23	5	0	286	13.1%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	84	100	9	0	0	109	5.0%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	19	14	2	0	0	16	0.7%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	85	35	4	1	0	40	1.8%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	250	81	7	1	0	89	4.1%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	113	137	3	0	0	140	6.4%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	65	29	1	2	0	32	1.5%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	52	94	1	0	1	96	4.4%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	10	7	0	1	2	10	0.5%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	10	114	8	5	1	128	5.9%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	34	46	4	2	0	52	2.4%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	84	185	25	16	0	226	10.3%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	95	166	1	0	0	167	7.6%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		5	1	3	0	9	0.4%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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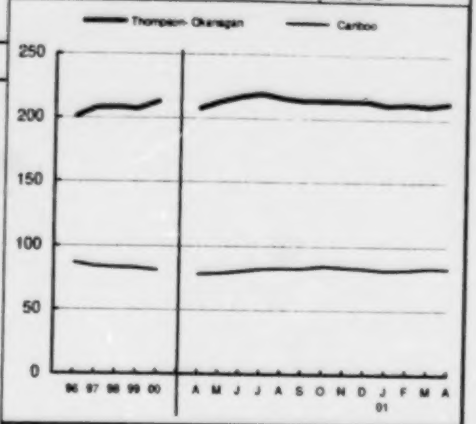
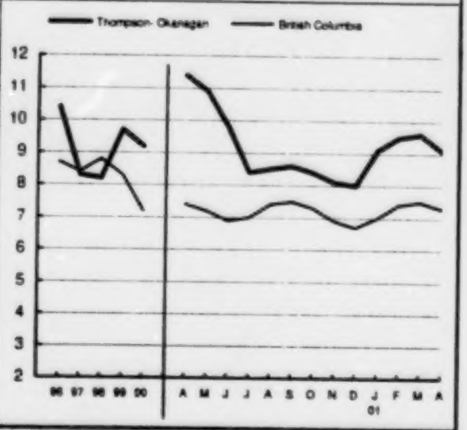
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	206.8	10.8	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	211.3	9.5	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	2.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



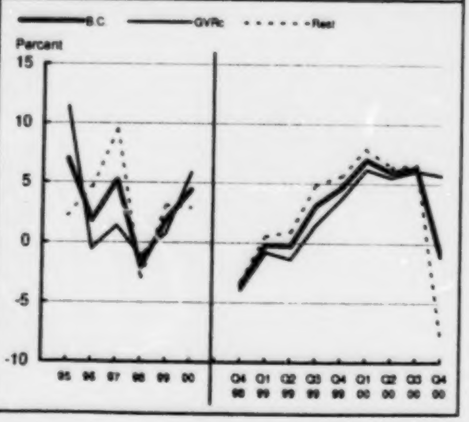
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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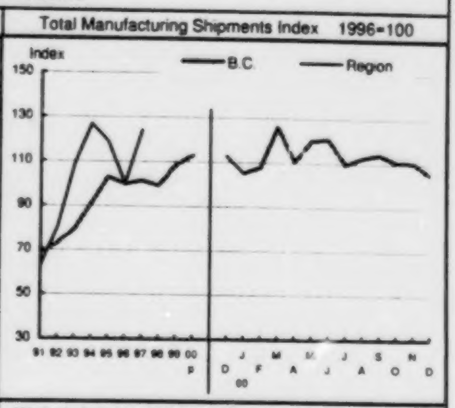
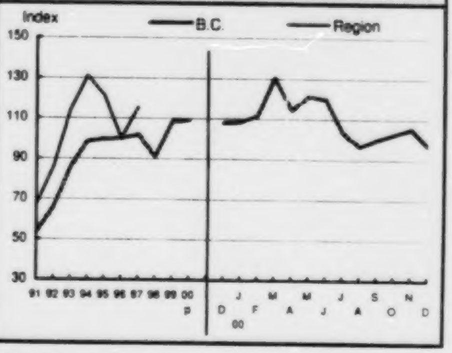
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	3	2
25	Wood	21	19	19	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	15	14	15	18	17
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	6	6	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	45	42	48	51	49
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	6.9	**
25	Wood	294.0	337.6	312.6	257.7	297.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	204.9	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.4	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	384.0	446.0	420.2	353.8	438.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	20	**
25	Wood	1,415	1,429	1,322	1,145	1,230
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	952	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	37	38	39	32	40
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,910	2,061	1,982	1,740	1,939
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	0.7	**
25	Wood	59.4	65.9	61.7	52.0	54.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	39.7	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.2	92.1	89.8	78.7	89.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

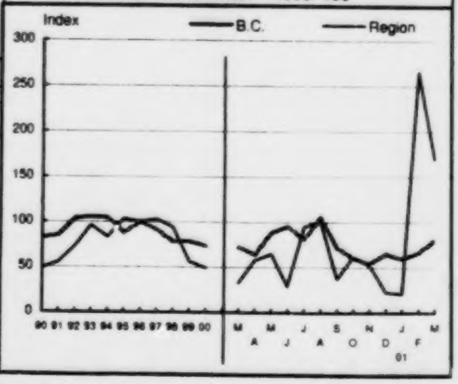


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	49.6	11.9	1.1	7.9	2.9	37.7	388
1994	43.0	10.9	1.5	7.8	1.7	32.0	280
1995	53.5	16.5	3.8	14.2	0.6	35.0	371
1996	51.8	24.3	3.3	6.1	15.0	27.5	275
1997	53.4	19.9	6.8	9.6	3.6	33.5	321
1998	48.7	34.3	1.9	21.7	10.6	14.5	94
1999	29.2	13.9	1.1	9.1	3.7	15.3	124
2000	25.4	13.6	3.0	7.6	3.1	11.7	77
Mar '00	3.0	1.7	0.1	1.3	0.3	1.3	8
Mar '01	19.7	18.3	0.6	14.5	3.3	1.3	7

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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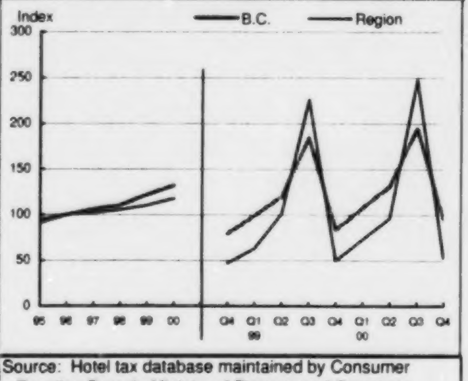
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	1996	26,326.9	4,034.3	5,996.0	13,542.8	2,753.8
	1997	26,811.1	4,103.3	5,897.9	13,821.2	2,988.7
	1998	27,681.0	4,213.6	6,069.1	14,306.7	3,091.5
	1999	28,932.7	4,168.0	6,629.2	14,863.5	3,272.0
	2000	30,921.7	4,793.8	6,335.9	16,282.1	3,509.9
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Columbia-Shuswap 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	30,921.7	100.0%
Hotels	13,550.3	43.8%
Motels	11,968.9	38.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

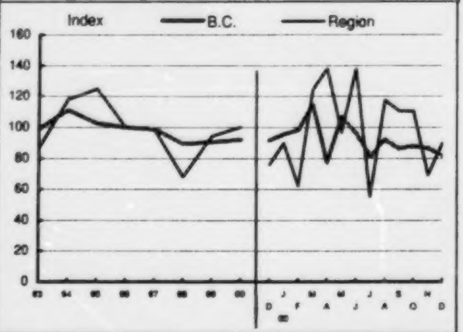


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	150
1994	205
1995	217
1996	174
1997	171
1998	118
1999	164
2000	174
Jan-Dec 99	164
Jan-Dec 00	174

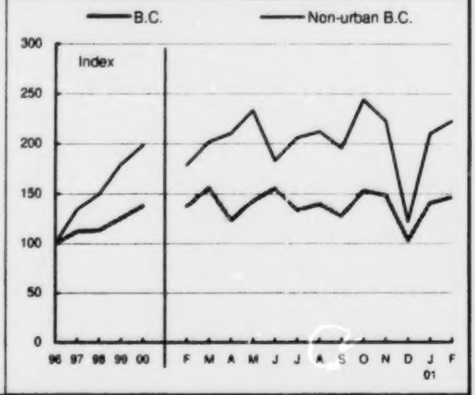
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



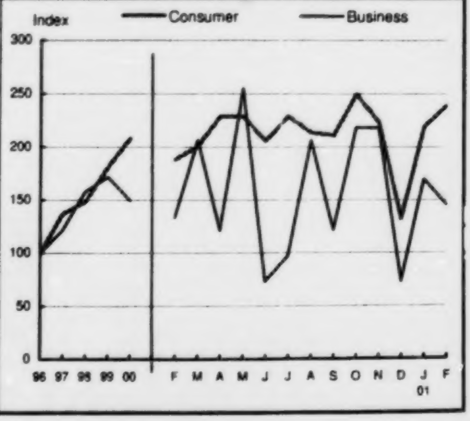
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	472	99	6,436	948
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Sep '98	6.1	8.8	7.7	5.2	3.2
	Dec '98	6.1	8.6	8.2	5.3	3.0
	Mar '99	6.4	8.8	8.5	5.6	3.0
	Jun '99	6.0	8.3	7.5	5.2	3.0
	Sep '99	5.7	8.3	6.6	4.8	3.0
	Dec '99	6.0	8.8	8.1	5.0	3.0
	Mar '00	6.5	9.3	9.1	5.4	3.0
	Jun '00	6.2	9.0	8.2	5.1	3.0
	Sep '00	6.1	8.9	7.8	5.1	3.0
	Dec '00	6.2	8.9	7.9	5.3	3.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

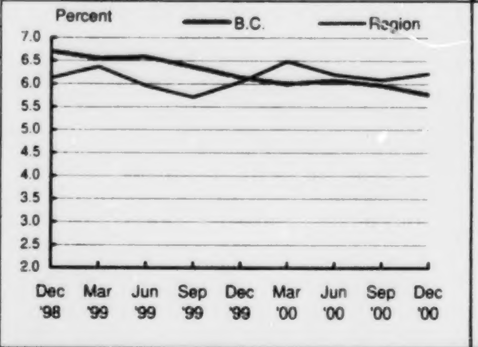
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	3.1	3.7	2.0	Sep '98
5.2	6.3	5.6	2.9	Dec '98
6.1	7.0	6.8	3.1	Mar '99
3.5	3.9	3.8	1.9	Jun '99
3.3	3.1	3.8	1.6	Sep '99
4.9	6.1	5.4	2.4	Dec '99
5.9	7.3	6.5	2.9	Mar '00
3.0	3.7	3.3	1.6	Jun '00
2.7	3.1	3.0	1.3	Sep '00

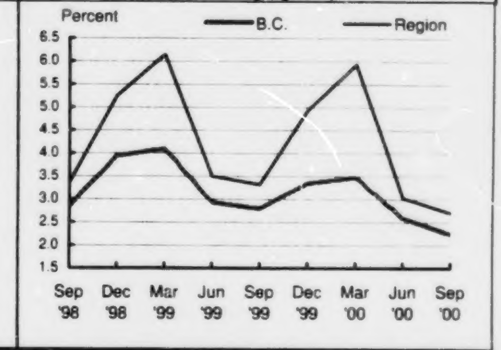
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,769	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.3	41.2
1-2 Years	17.8	17.8
>2 Years	32.0	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

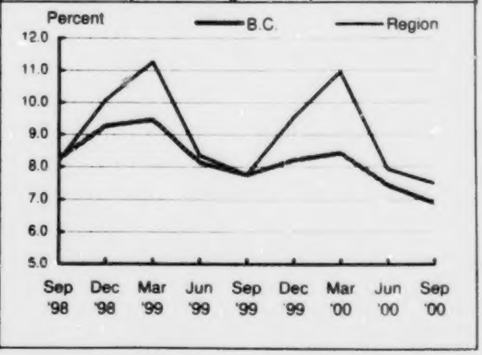
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Sep '98	8.2	10.6	8.7	4.4
	Dec '98	10.1	14.0	10.6	5.3
	Mar '99	11.3	15.3	12.1	5.5
	Jun '99	8.4	11.2	8.9	4.3
	Sep '99	7.8	9.5	8.4	4.2
	Dec '99	9.5	13.5	10.0	5.0
	Mar '00	11.0	15.8	11.5	5.4
	Jun '00	7.9	11.6	8.3	4.2
	Sep '00	7.5	10.6	7.9	3.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region experienced net outflows of migrants through the mid-eighties due to the downturn in the resource sectors. Net migration to the region has been high in recent years. The climate of the region has drawn a significant number of retirees, particularly to the Salmon Arm area, and as a result, the median age of the region's population is significantly higher than the provincial median.

Due to the dependence on the male-dominated resource industries, the gender ratio of this area is weighted in favour of males. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

Losses in the forest and mining sectors will dampen migration to this area somewhat, but the location of the Salmon Arm area, just north of the North and Central Okanagan and east of Kamloops, should result in spin-off growth from those areas. As a result, migration to the region as a whole will likely be positive, although at lower levels than that experienced in recent years. The end result will be reasonably strong population growth for this region over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.7	9.6	4.7	9.7	7.2	2.8	36.7	11.5	0.576	0.132	0.708	1976
1981	3.2	9.1	5.3	12.0	8.1	3.8	41.4	14.3	0.482	0.148	0.631	1981
1986	3.1	8.2	4.3	12.8	8.5	4.8	41.7	15.3	0.439	0.188	0.627	1986
1991	3.0	8.1	3.5	13.2	9.3	5.8	42.9	16.1	0.429	0.224	0.652	1991
1996	3.0	9.4	3.8	14.8	11.7	7.1	50.0	19.3	0.411	0.234	0.645	1996
2001	2.6	9.4	4.8	14.3	13.8	8.5	53.4	21.3	0.363	0.258	0.621	2001
2006	2.7	8.9	5.2	14.1	16.8	9.9	57.7	24.2	0.320	0.275	0.594	2006
2011	3.0	8.4	5.3	14.8	18.8	11.5	61.8	27.4	0.292	0.296	0.588	2011
2016	3.2	8.6	5.0	16.1	19.4	13.6	65.9	30.3	0.292	0.337	0.629	2016
2021	3.3	9.3	4.6	17.6	19.1	16.0	69.8	32.5	0.304	0.388	0.692	2021
2026	3.3	9.8	4.8	17.7	19.1	18.7	73.3	34.6	0.314	0.449	0.763	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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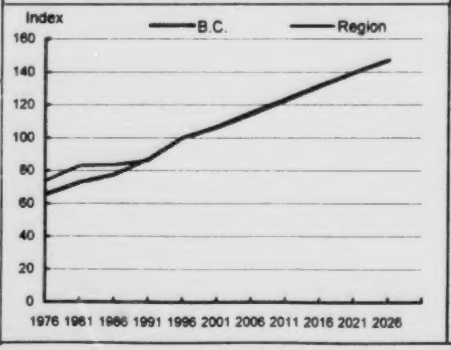

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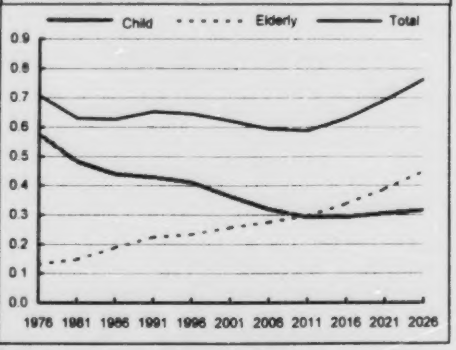

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos

Forestry is the most significant economic activity in this region. Some of the smaller municipalities, in particular, are highly dependent on the forest sector. Other important resource sectors in this region are mining and fishing. There are currently two major mines in the region: the Quinsam Coal Mine and the Myra Falls Mine, both near Campbell River.

Developments that will affect the population of this region include the closure of the pulp mill at Gold River, and the closures of the mines some time during the projection. The pulp mill closure will have a devastating impact on the town of Gold River and has already resulted in some population movement from the area. The mines are not scheduled to close for some time, but when they do, there will likely be a significant population impact. The Quinsam mine has experienced some major layoffs in the last year and there may be population impacts as a result.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

		Comox-Strathcona							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,900	3,567	251	85	14	3,917	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	339	412	34	15	2	463	11.8%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	7	9	0	1	1	11	0.3%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	609	457	17	6	0	480	12.3%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	138	157	8	9	3	177	4.5%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	78	131	5	1	0	137	3.5%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	230	499	38	14	2	553	14.1%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	160	162	6	1	0	169	4.3%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	20	20	7	0	0	27	0.7%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	118	83	13	1	0	97	2.5%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	394	156	7	1	0	164	4.2%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	256	307	6	1	0	314	8.0%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	112	56	3	1	0	60	1.5%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	101	153	8	3	0	164	4.2%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	15	31	2	1	3	37	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	18	313	20	8	3	344	8.8%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	44	73	8	1	0	82	2.1%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	112	224	59	16	0	299	7.6%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	147	306	6	1	0	313	8.0%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		17	4	4	0	25	0.6%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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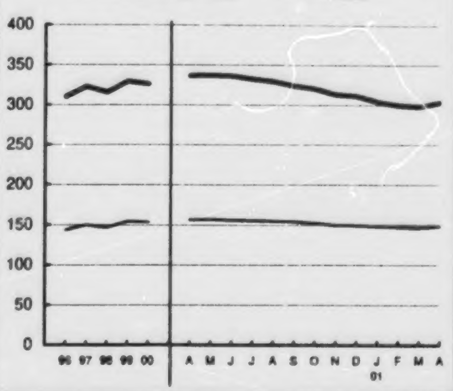
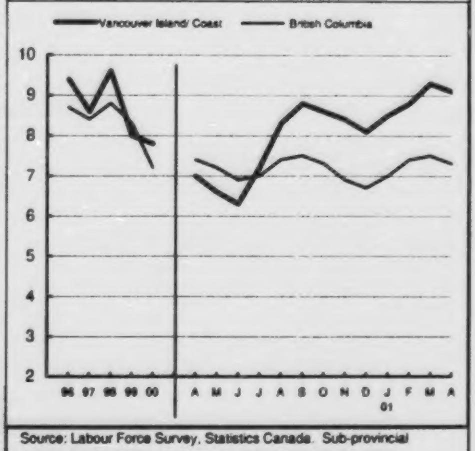
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991				134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	9.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	333.4	7.5	155.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	299.8	9.2	147.0	5.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	-10.1		-5.3		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



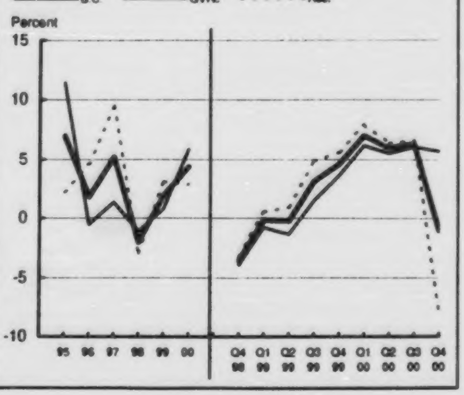
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3 1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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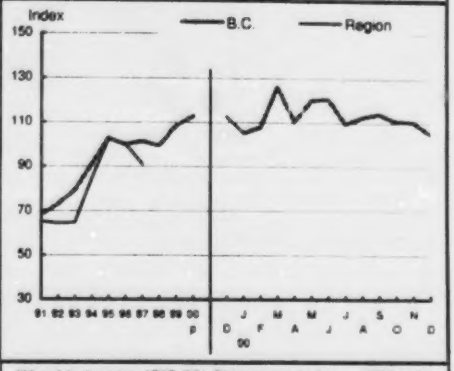
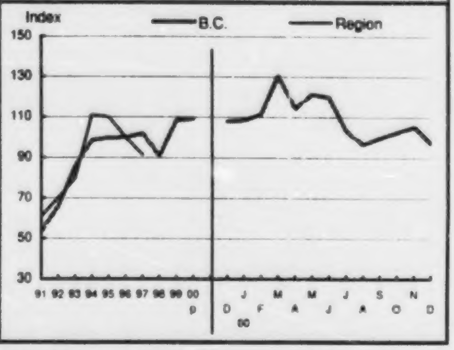
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	7	7	7	8	8
25	Wood	17	17	19	25	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	7	8	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	5	7	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	58	58	68	81	79
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	36.0	**	**	**	52.7
25	Wood	230.7	322.0	319.1	290.1	265.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	213.2	303.6	302.2	271.9	243.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	9.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	713.9	933.2	1,131.0	1,105.0	1,006.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	207	**	**	**	313
25	Wood	1,135	1,145	902	920	881
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	976	966	772	792	723
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	87
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,419	3,460	3,195	3,189	3,533
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	6.5	**	**	**	8.5
25	Wood	51.2	55.2	50.2	49.6	42.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	46.2	50.0	45.7	45.6	36.9
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	3.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	154.4	163.1	157.0	169.8	178.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

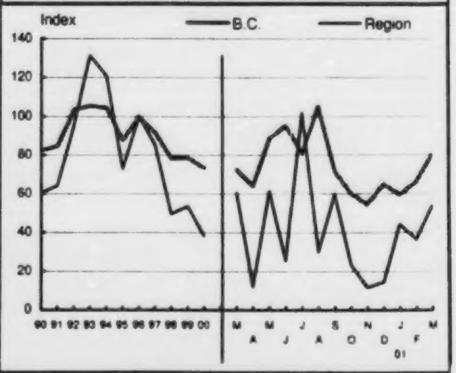


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	209.2	69.2	2.1	20.2	47.0	139.9	1,796
1994	192.3	27.5	3.5	18.9	5.1	164.8	2,127
1995	116.1	39.5	6.1	24.8	8.6	76.6	707
1996	159.4	65.3	7.7	27.6	30.0	94.1	884
1997	135.6	45.9	2.2	33.8	9.9	89.8	831
1998	79.0	33.9	3.9	20.4	9.7	45.1	407
1999	85.2	47.5	19.8	11.5	16.2	37.7	353
2000	60.9	35.2	3.9	9.9	21.4	25.7	145
Mar '00	15.9	11.8	1.7	0.9	9.2	4.1	22
Mar '01	17.8	9.9	3.5	1.6	4.9	7.8	41

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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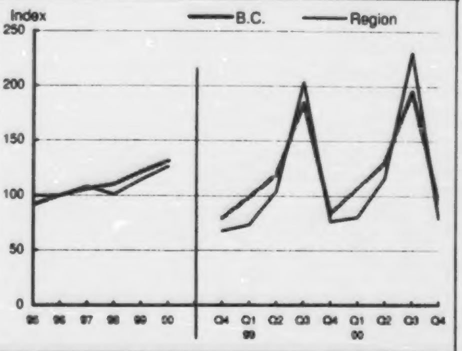
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	1996	19,181.3	3,182.6	4,884.2	8,180.2	2,934.3
	1997	20,734.9	3,023.8	5,091.0	9,530.2	3,089.8
	1998	19,355.0	3,214.5	4,615.6	8,272.1	3,252.8
	1999	21,938.0	3,521.0	4,998.9	9,748.4	3,669.8
	2000	24,267.1	3,859.6	5,568.3	11,040.2	3,799.1
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Comox-Strathcona 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	24,267.1	100.0%
Fishing lodges	4,860.1	20.0%
Hotels	7,702.9	31.7%
Motels	7,490.4	30.9%
Vacation Rentals	2,553.6	10.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

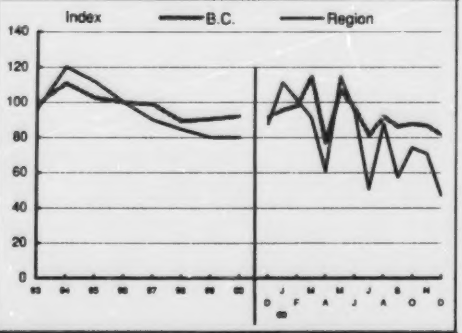


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	341
1994	428
1995	398
1996	356
1997	320
1998	301
1999	285
2000	285
Jan-Dec 99	285
Jan-Dec 00	285

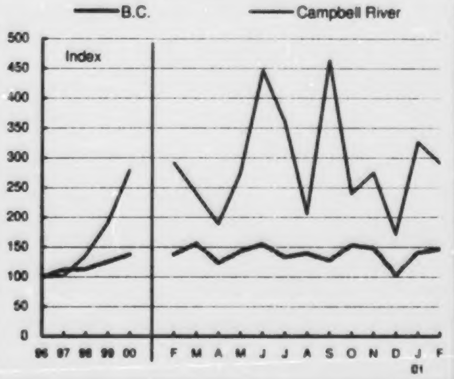
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



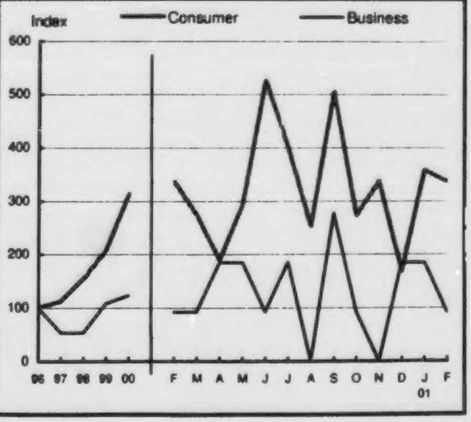
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Campbell River		Courtenay		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	57	13	84	16	6,436	948
1997	64	7	100	11	7,366	895
1998	88	7	112	28	7,327	1,031
1999	119	14	146	20	8,179	1,075
2000	179	16	173	10	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	26	2	30	0	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	33	3	25	4	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Campbell River Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Sep '98	8.9	12.6	12.4	7.4	4.3
	Dec '98	8.9	12.1	13.2	7.5	4.2
	Mar '99	9.2	12.6	13.6	7.8	4.2
	Jun '99	8.8	11.9	12.8	7.4	4.2
	Sep '99	8.5	11.8	12.0	7.1	4.2
	Dec '99	8.2	11.1	11.5	7.0	4.2
	Mar '00	8.5	11.5	12.5	7.2	4.2
	Jun '00	8.2	11.2	11.9	6.8	4.2
	Sep '00	7.8	10.7	10.8	6.6	4.2
	Dec '00	7.8	10.5	11.0	6.6	4.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

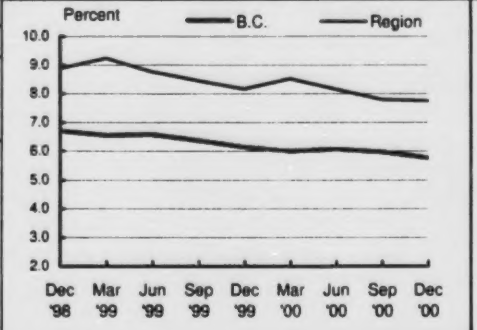
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.6	4.7	5.0	2.5	Sep '98
6.7	6.6	7.3	3.8	Dec '98
6.2	5.8	6.9	3.4	Mar '99
3.3	3.3	3.7	1.6	Jun '99
3.3	2.8	3.8	1.6	Sep '99
4.7	4.5	5.2	2.8	Dec '99
4.7	4.9	5.0	2.7	Mar '00
2.9	2.6	3.2	1.6	Jun '00
2.9	2.7	3.2	1.8	Sep '00

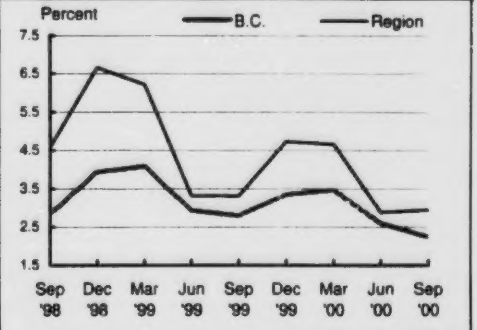
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,128	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.9	41.2
1-2 Years	19.4	17.8
>2 Years	37.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

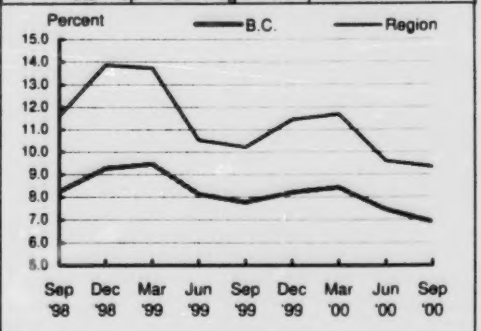
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Sep '98	11.6	16.6	12.1	5.6
	Dec '98	13.9	19.3	14.4	7.0
	Mar '99	13.7	18.9	14.4	6.7
	Jun '99	10.5	15.7	10.9	4.8
	Sep '99	10.2	14.5	10.7	4.9
	Dec '99	11.4	15.7	11.9	6.1
	Mar '00	11.7	17.0	12.0	6.1
	Jun '00	9.6	14.3	9.8	5.1
	Sep '00	9.3	13.2	9.6	5.1

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on resource industries is likely the reason for the gender bias in favour of males in this region, since most of these industries tend to have male-dominated employment. The male gender bias is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than females, it is not surprising that the median age of death is lower in this area compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The diversity of the Courtenay and Campbell River areas should ensure continued net inflows of migrants to this region, despite the downturn in the forest sector and possible catch restrictions in the fishing industry. However, it is expected that growth at the pace experienced in recent years cannot be sustained, and although the population will continue to grow, it will be at a more moderate rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	4.6	14.9	7.5	17.1	10.6	3.8	58.5	18.4	0.555	0.108	0.664	1976
1981	5.6	15.3	9.1	22.5	12.8	5.2	70.4	24.1	0.471	0.117	0.587	1981
1986	5.7	14.8	7.5	24.7	14.3	6.7	73.7	27.0	0.441	0.145	0.586	1986
1991	6.3	16.8	6.8	28.6	17.5	9.1	85.1	32.0	0.434	0.172	0.607	1991
1996	6.5	20.2	7.9	32.7	23.3	11.0	101.5	39.1	0.417	0.173	0.590	1996
2001	5.7	20.0	10.1	31.6	28.2	13.2	108.7	43.2	0.367	0.189	0.556	2001
2006	6.1	18.9	11.4	31.8	34.8	15.2	118.2	48.9	0.320	0.195	0.515	2006
2011	6.8	18.2	11.4	33.1	39.8	18.0	127.3	55.0	0.296	0.214	0.510	2011
2016	7.3	19.0	10.6	36.6	40.8	22.4	136.8	60.5	0.300	0.254	0.554	2016
2021	7.5	20.6	10.1	39.4	40.6	27.3	145.5	64.8	0.312	0.304	0.615	2021
2026	7.5	21.8	10.8	39.8	41.0	32.7	153.5	69.0	0.320	0.357	0.677	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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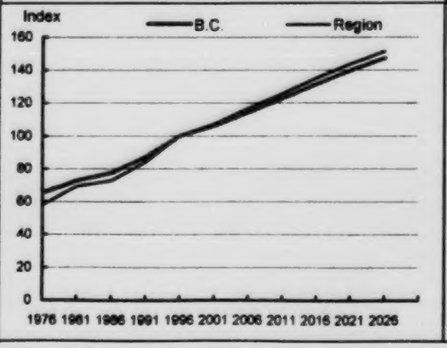

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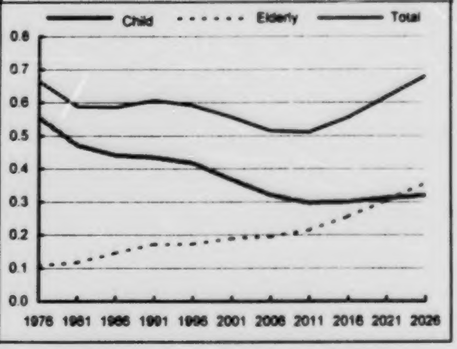

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, North Cowichan

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, but tourism and services related to the retirement community are also important. Many economic spin-offs arise from the region's location between the Capital Regional District and the Nanaimo Regional District. Several communities within the region serve as bedroom communities to either Victoria or Nanaimo.

Developments that could affect this area include possible cuts to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the various forest licenses in the region. Cuts to the AAC could have serious repercussions for individual communities within the region, particularly those with mills dependent on wood from the affected areas.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

	Industry Sector	Cowichan Valley							British Columbia	
	based on NAICS Canada	Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	(North American Industrial Classification System)	No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,117	2,318	147	53	9	2,527	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	179	202	5	3	2	212	8.4%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	7	0	0	0	7	0.3%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	1	2	0	1	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	449	319	13	3	0	335	13.3%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	105	134	20	12	2	168	6.6%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	68	93	2	1	0	96	3.8%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	189	313	20	10	1	344	13.6%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	84	86	5	1	0	92	3.6%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	12	12	2	0	0	14	0.6%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	86	52	4	1	1	58	2.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	269	81	3	0	0	84	3.3%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	202	198	6	0	0	204	8.1%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	88	53	2	0	0	55	2.2%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	95	99	5	0	0	104	4.1%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	13	26	1	5	1	33	1.3%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	224	10	6	1	241	9.5%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	40	45	5	0	0	50	2.0%	1.7%	2,574
72	Accom. & Food Services	76	155	40	6	0	201	8.0%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	139	201	2	0	0	203	8.0%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		16	2	4	1	23	0.9%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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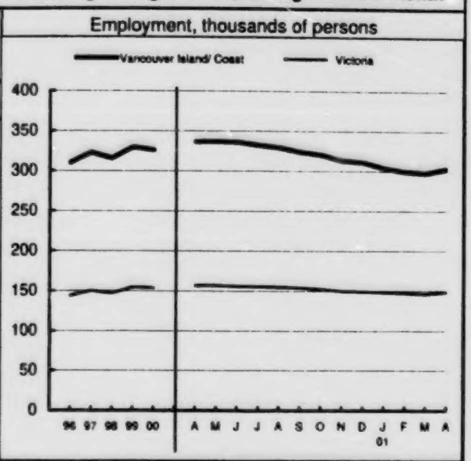
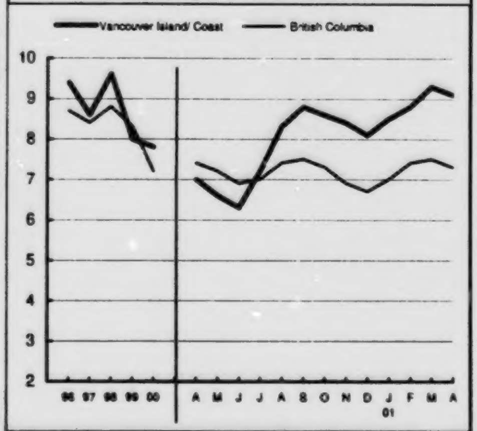
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991			134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	333.4	7.5	155.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	299.8	9.2	147.0	5.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	-10.1		-5.3		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



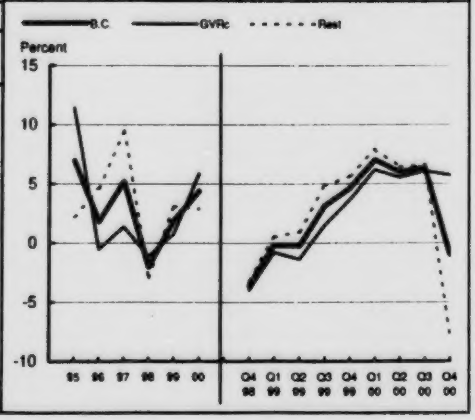
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
Quarterly data	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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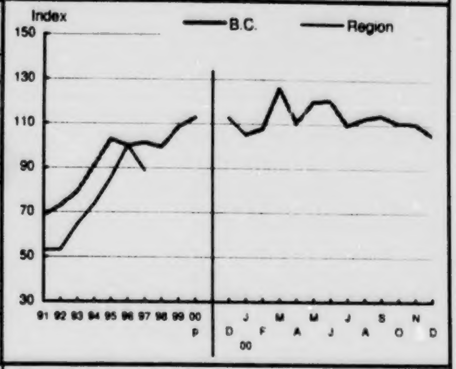
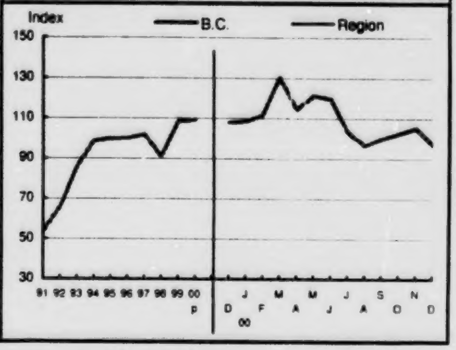
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	6	5	4	4	4
25	Wood	20	20	21	30	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	12	12	13	17	14
30	Metal Fabricating	8	7	9	12	11
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	49	51	54	71	66
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	580.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	392.9	442.0	460.9	499.2	546.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	769.2	876.5	1,017.3	1,191.8	1,058.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	1,496
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,072	1,102	1,131	1,220	1,227
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	136
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,859	2,943	2,898	2,952	3,330
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	73.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	50.4	56.5	59.1	59.9	65.2
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	5.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	126.1	141.0	142.1	152.3	162.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

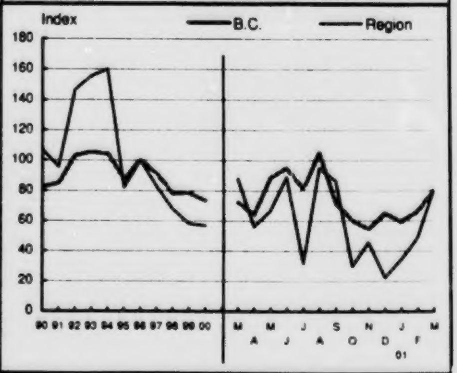


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	140.5	32.4	2.4	11.8	18.2	108.1	1,267
1994	144.7	42.1	6.8	18.3	17.1	102.6	1,045
1995	74.2	17.6	1.8	8.8	7.0	56.6	514
1996	90.5	20.1	1.9	6.5	11.7	70.4	786
1997	75.0	12.3	0.8	9.5	2.0	62.7	546
1998	61.2	21.2	2.4	12.0	6.8	40.0	350
1999	52.6	15.8	1.7	6.3	7.8	36.7	314
2000	51.4	23.1	3.5	5.0	14.6	28.3	181
Mar '00	12.1	6.9	2.0	1.0	4.0	5.2	34
Mar '01	12.2	2.6	0.3	1.7	0.6	9.6	74

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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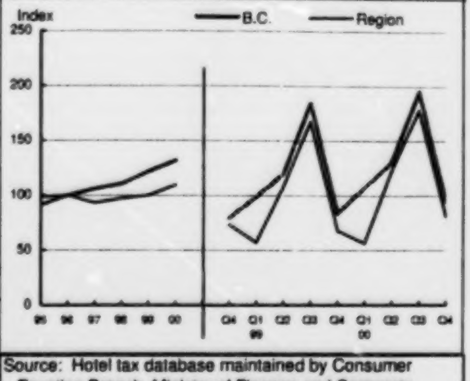
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cowichan Valley Regional District	1996	6,630.9	1,101.6	1,742.4	2,677.0	1,109.9
	1997	6,179.4	978.6	1,623.3	2,498.9	1,078.6
	1998	6,443.7	928.5	1,651.5	2,647.0	1,216.7
	1999	6,623.4	941.0	1,789.0	2,767.9	1,125.6
	2000	7,256.3	931.8	2,035.5	2,949.7	1,339.3
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Cowichan Valley 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	7,256.3	100.0%
Hotels	3,968.3	54.7%
Motels	1,448.8	20.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

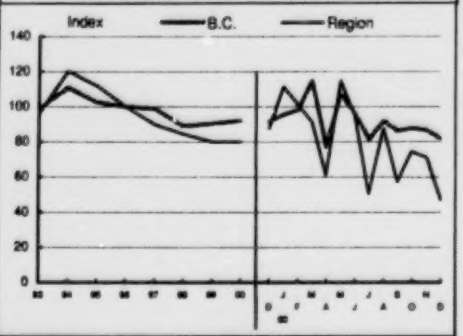


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	341
1994	428
1995	398
1996	356
1997	320
1998	301
1999	285
2000	285
Jan-Dec 99	285
Jan-Dec 00	285

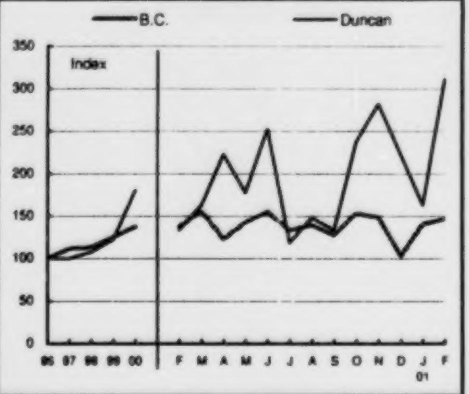
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



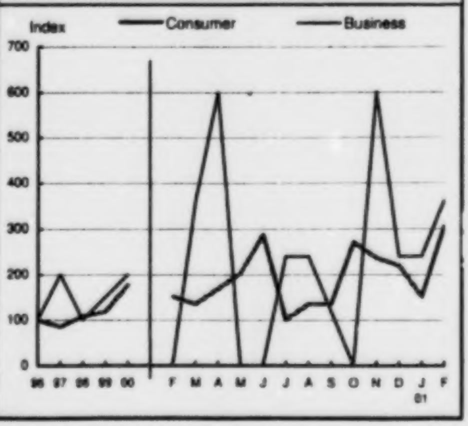
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Duncan		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	71	10	472	99	6,436	948
1997	61	20	646	120	7,366	895
1998	77	10	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	84	15	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	126	20	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	14	0	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	27	5	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Duncan Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Sep '98	8.3	11.9	10.6	7.0	4.0
	Dec '98	8.3	11.6	10.6	7.1	3.8
	Mar '99	8.5	11.9	11.0	7.4	3.8
	Jun '99	8.2	11.7	10.6	7.0	3.8
	Sep '99	8.0	11.6	9.7	6.8	3.8
	Dec '99	7.9	11.3	10.1	6.9	3.8
	Mar '00	8.0	11.4	10.7	6.9	3.8
	Jun '00	8.0	11.6	11.0	6.8	3.8
	Sep '00	7.9	11.4	10.4	6.7	3.8
	Dec '00	7.8	10.9	11.1	6.7	3.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

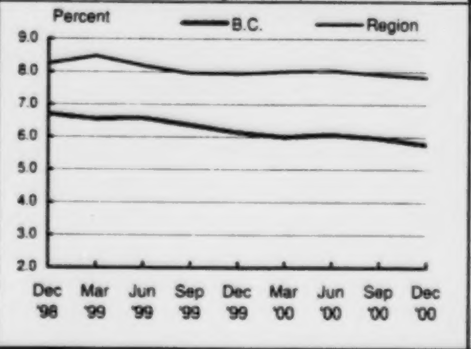
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	3.8	3.5	1.3	Sep '98
4.1	4.6	4.6	1.7	Dec '98
4.4	4.6	5.0	1.8	Mar '99
2.6	2.8	3.0	1.0	Jun '99
2.6	2.4	3.1	1.1	Sep '99
3.0	3.0	3.4	1.4	Dec '99
3.2	3.2	3.5	1.5	Mar '00
2.2	2.3	2.5	0.9	Jun '00
2.0	1.9	2.3	0.9	Sep '00

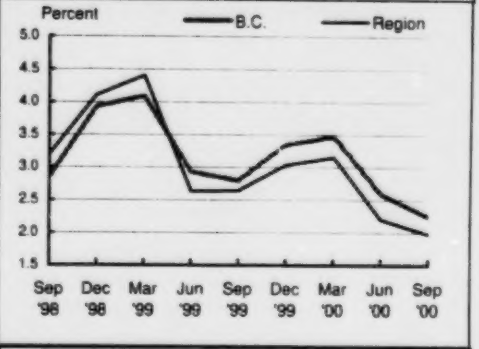
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,830	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	41.2	41.2
1-2 Years	18.3	17.8
>2 Years	40.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

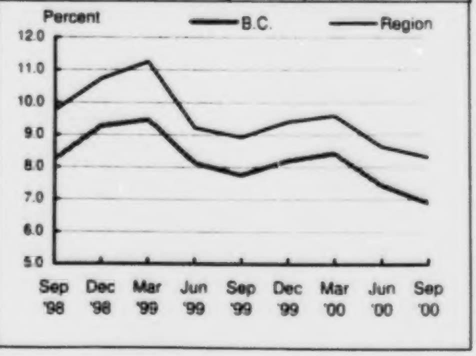
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Sep '98	9.8	14.2	10.4	4.2
	Dec '98	10.7	14.8	11.5	4.6
	Mar '99	11.3	15.2	12.2	4.7
	Jun '99	9.2	13.0	9.9	3.7
	Sep '99	8.9	11.8	9.7	3.6
	Dec '99	9.4	12.8	10.1	4.1
	Mar '00	9.6	13.6	10.3	4.1
	Jun '00	8.6	13.1	9.2	3.4
	Sep '00	8.3	12.1	8.9	3.3

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region suffered some migration losses in the mid-eighties due to the downturn in the forest sector, but has had strong, positive migration otherwise. Due to a growing retirement community, the median age of the population has been getting older and has surpassed the British Columbia median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher in this region than for the province as a whole, but the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also significantly higher than the provincial ratio. This is partly the result of a substantially higher fertility rate for this area compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This area has benefited from spin-off growth from both Victoria and Nanaimo and will likely continue to do so. It is projected that net migration will continue to be strong for this area, and as a result, the population should continue to expand.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

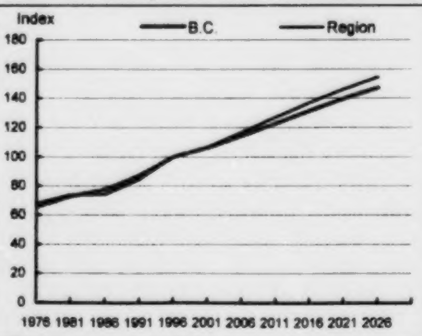
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.8	12.3	6.2	12.7	10.3	4.6	49.8	16.2	0.553	0.158	0.711	1976
1981	4.0	11.6	6.5	15.4	10.7	5.9	54.1	18.9	0.477	0.180	0.657	1981
1986	4.0	10.7	5.1	16.2	11.1	7.2	54.4	20.0	0.452	0.221	0.673	1986
1991	4.5	11.9	4.6	19.1	13.2	8.9	62.2	23.2	0.444	0.243	0.687	1991
1996	4.6	14.3	5.4	21.6	16.8	10.9	73.7	27.8	0.430	0.249	0.679	1996
2001	4.2	14.2	7.1	20.5	20.1	12.4	78.6	30.3	0.386	0.260	0.645	2001
2006	4.6	13.9	7.8	21.2	24.4	14.0	85.9	34.7	0.347	0.263	0.609	2006
2011	5.1	13.8	8.1	22.6	27.8	16.0	93.4	39.6	0.323	0.274	0.597	2011
2016	5.5	14.7	7.6	25.3	28.7	19.1	100.9	43.9	0.326	0.310	0.636	2016
2021	5.6	15.8	7.6	27.4	28.9	22.6	107.7	47.6	0.334	0.353	0.688	2021
2026	5.7	16.5	8.2	27.7	29.6	26.2	113.8	51.3	0.338	0.401	0.739	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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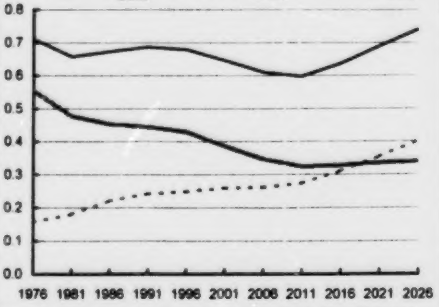

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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East Kootenay
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Invermere, Kimberley, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood

The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry. The economy of the Fernie area, in particular, is driven by the coal industry with five major coal mines located there. As a result, the region is vulnerable to fluctuations in price and demand in the coal market, which are largely determined internationally. The Sullivan lead-zinc mine in Kimberley is the main economic driver for that area and forestry is the main driver in the Cranbrook and Windermere areas.

A major development that will affect this area is the impending shutdown of the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley. Restructuring of some of the coal mines as they begin to face depletion of reserves could also have a negative effect on the region over the long-term, although the area has good potential for new discoveries.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	East Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,448	2,303	157	59	18	2,537	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	114	180	7	4	0	191	7.5%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	13	14	1	1	5	21	0.8%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	5	5	1	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	262	315	11	3	0	329	13.0%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	63	101	12	4	4	121	4.8%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	63	101	9	2	0	112	4.4%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	147	316	22	7	0	345	13.6%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	71	103	11	1	0	115	4.5%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	21	4	1	0	26	1.0%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	72	42	8	1	0	51	2.0%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	161	94	3	0	0	97	3.8%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	131	161	3	0	0	164	6.5%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	54	33	2	1	0	36	1.4%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	50	113	6	1	0	120	4.7%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	5	15	1	1	3	20	0.8%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	8	158	12	10	2	182	7.2%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22	69	9	7	2	87	3.4%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	80	228	33	10	2	273	10.8%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	121	219	1	0	0	220	8.7%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	1	15	1	5	0	21	0.8%	0.5%	850

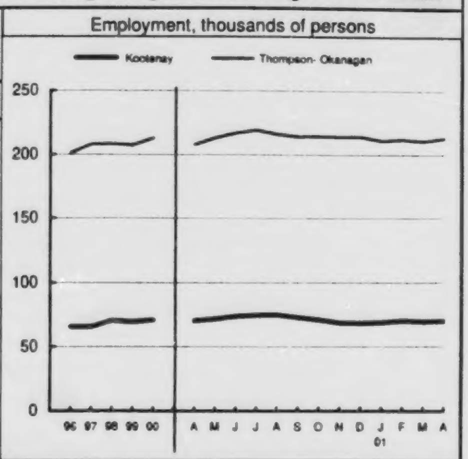
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

East Kootenay
Regional District

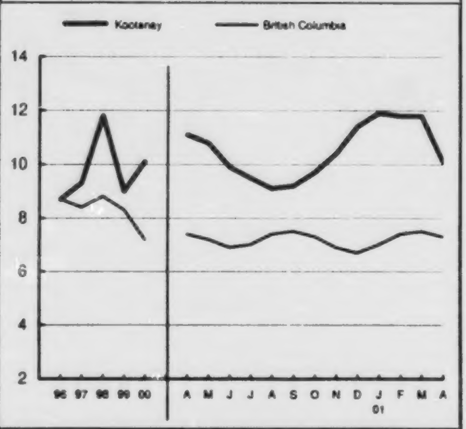
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Kootenay Emp. ('000)	Kootenay Unemp. %	Thompson-Okanagan Emp. ('000)	Thompson-Okanagan Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	67.4	9.6	204.1	9.0	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	68.5	10.1	204.9	9.5	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	69.6	10.1	206.0	10.3	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	70.5	11.1	207.6	11.4	1,919.7	7.4
May	71.8	10.8	212.8	10.9	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	73.7	9.9	216.7	9.8	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	74.7	9.5	219.0	8.4	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	74.8	9.1	215.8	8.5	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	72.8	9.2	214.1	8.6	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	71.0	9.7	214.2	8.4	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	68.7	10.4	213.9	8.1	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	68.5	11.4	213.9	8.0	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:					year-to-dat	
Jan-Apr00	70.2	10.5	206.8	10.8	1,913.9	7.5
Jan-Apr01	70.1	10.9	211.3	9.5	1,927.6	7.5
% Change	0.0		2.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



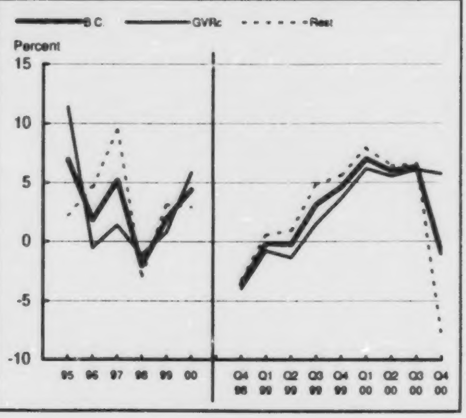
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
Quarterly data	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

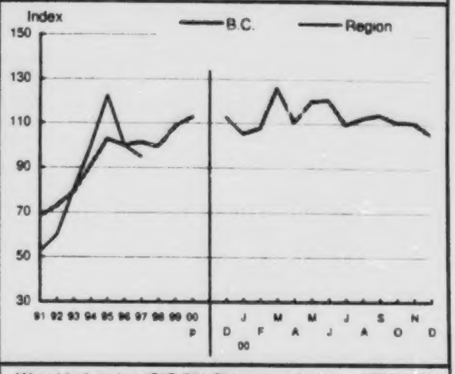


East Kootenay
Regional District

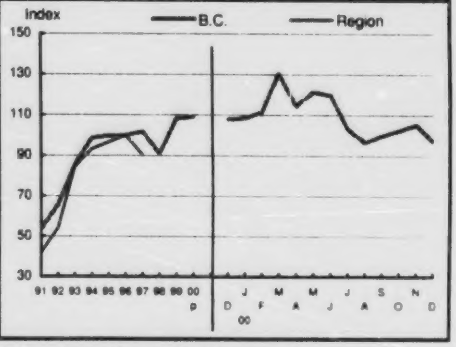
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	2	2
25	Wood	21	21	19	20	20
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	14	13	12	13	13
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	43	50	54	54
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	323.1	356.4	**	382.7	345.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	293.0	322.5	351.3	340.8	331.0
30	Metal Fabricating	2.7	3.7	**	5.3	4.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	409.1	506.7	623.5	509.0	482.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,225	1,512	**	1,440	1,165
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,134	1,359	1,196	1,265	1,093
30	Metal Fabricating	28	30	**	39	70
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,726	2,062	1,989	2,058	1,856
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	54.0	66.5	**	66.4	63.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	49.1	61.0	60.6	59.5	60.9
30	Metal Fabricating	1.1	1.2	**	1.6	2.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	75.8	91.4	99.4	97.4	98.2

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

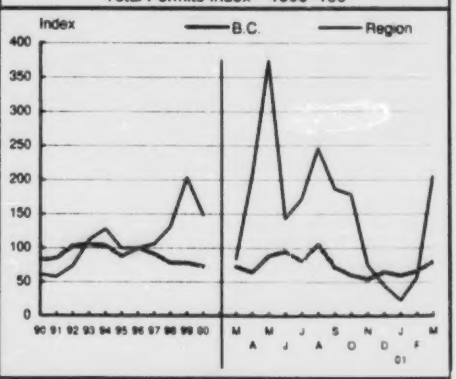


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	79.2	30.7	3.7	8.8	18.2	48.5	542
1994	90.9	23.9	3.3	14.6	6.0	67.0	721
1995	70.7	12.4	1.0	8.5	2.9	58.3	595
1996	70.9	15.2	1.8	11.0	2.4	55.8	634
1997	75.2	29.8	2.4	9.9	17.5	45.4	408
1998	92.9	25.8	1.1	18.1	6.6	67.1	711
1999	143.9	58.3	4.1	47.7	6.5	85.6	727
2000	105.5	32.2	4.7	25.9	1.6	73.3	619
Mar '00	9.5	1.5	0.0	1.3	0.2	7.9	64
Mar '01	16.8	3.1	0.2	0.7	2.1	13.7	109

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

East Kootenay
Regional District

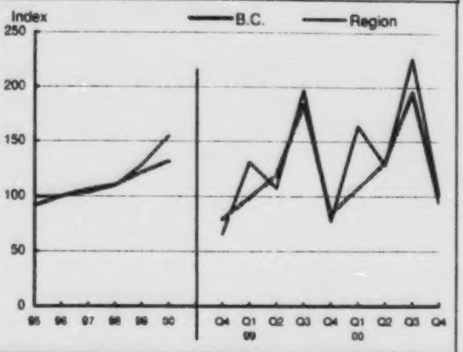
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
East Kootenay Regional District	1996	26,706.8	6,242.2	6,186.6	10,413.1	3,864.9
	1997	27,594.4	6,250.1	6,521.0	10,938.3	3,885.0
	1998	29,194.4	7,068.0	6,298.4	11,430.8	4,397.1
	1999	34,221.8	8,733.4	7,186.0	13,150.4	5,152.0
	2000	41,326.0	10,950.3	8,558.4	15,087.9	6,729.5
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

East Kootenay 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	41,326.0	100.0%
Hotels	15,385.2	37.2%
76+ Rooms	7,297.2	17.7%
1-75 Rooms	8,087.9	19.6%
Motels	11,699.8	28.3%
Vacation Rentals	8,000.8	19.4%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

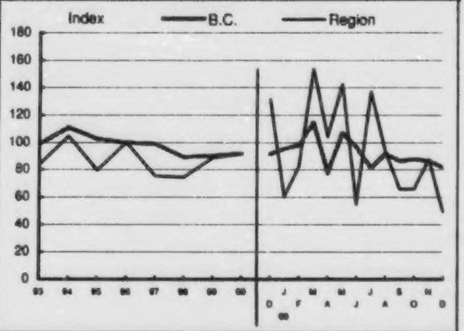


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	183
1994	229
1995	174
1996	219
1997	165
1998	163
1999	194
2000	200
Jan-Dec 99	194
Jan-Dec 00	200

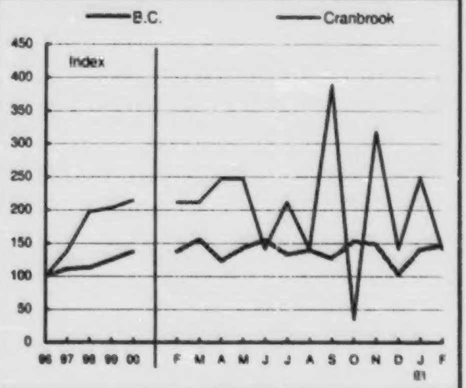
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



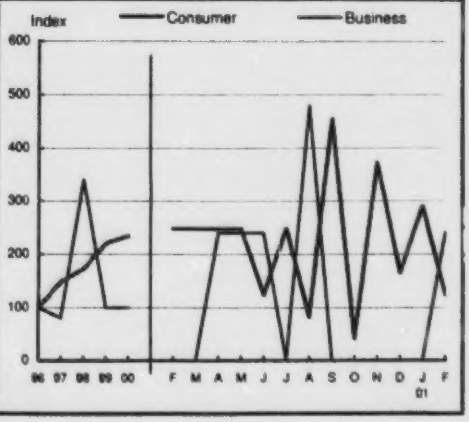
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	29	5	472	99	6,436	948
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	14	0	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	10	1	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1996=100



East Kootenay
Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '98	6.0	8.8	8.2	4.6	3.1
	Dec '98	5.8	8.2	8.2	4.6	2.9
	Mar '99	5.8	8.3	8.3	4.6	2.7
	Jun '99	5.9	8.8	8.5	4.6	2.7
	Sep '99	5.3	8.1	6.8	4.2	2.7
	Dec '99	4.8	7.2	6.6	3.8	2.7
	Mar '00	4.8	7.2	6.4	3.8	2.7
	Jun '00	4.9	7.5	6.4	3.7	2.7
	Sep '00	4.8	7.6	6.2	3.5	2.7
	Dec '00	4.5	6.8	7.0	3.4	2.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

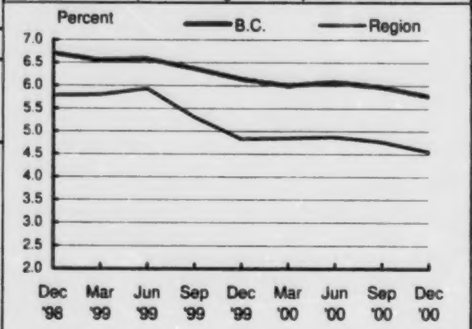
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.5	2.5	2.9	1.0	Sep '98
4.7	6.5	5.0	2.0	Dec '98
5.5	7.9	5.7	2.5	Mar '99
3.3	4.0	3.6	1.3	Jun '99
3.0	3.2	3.4	1.0	Sep '99
3.6	4.9	3.8	2.0	Dec '99
4.2	5.0	4.5	2.1	Mar '00
2.8	3.1	3.2	1.1	Jun '00
2.4	2.6	2.6	0.9	Sep '00

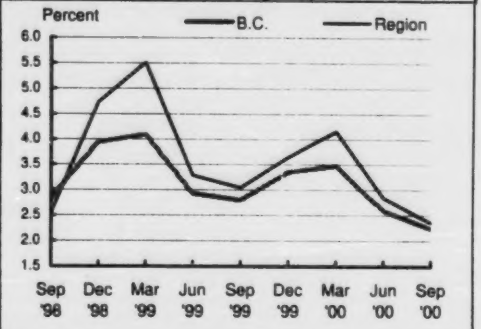
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,444	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.5	41.2
1-2 Years	14.9	17.8
>2 Years	30.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

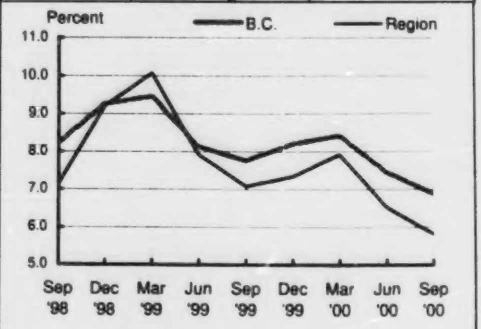
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Sep '98	7.1	10.3	7.3	3.8
	Dec '98	9.2	14.0	9.3	4.8
	Mar '99	10.1	15.9	10.1	5.1
	Jun '99	7.9	12.2	8.0	3.8
	Sep '99	7.1	9.7	7.5	3.2
	Dec '99	7.3	11.0	7.4	4.1
	Mar '00	7.9	11.2	8.1	4.3
	Jun '00	6.5	9.2	6.7	3.2
	Sep '00	5.8	8.4	6.0	2.9

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



East Kootenay
Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the region's population is slightly higher than the provincial median, but there is a significantly higher proportion of children in the regional population compared to the province as a whole. The gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than women, it is not surprising that the median age of death in this region is lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The Sullivan Mine will close by 2001 and this will have a significant impact on the employment base of the area. In addition, depletion of coal reserves could cause the shutdown of several of the coal mines in the region. If world markets for coal are not sufficient to warrant construction costs associated with new mines, the diminishing employment base could result in out-migration from the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

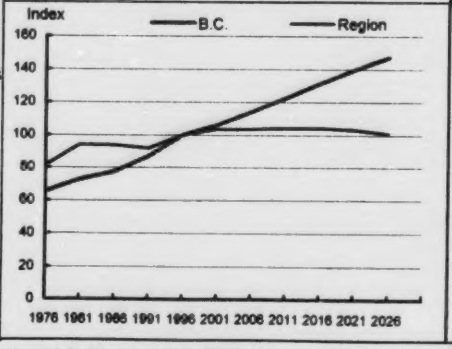
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	12.4	6.3	13.5	8.3	2.9	47.6	14.9	0.594	0.103	0.697	1976
1981	4.8	12.5	7.6	17.7	8.9	3.6	55.1	18.5	0.507	0.106	0.613	1981
1986	4.4	12.1	5.7	18.7	9.5	4.4	54.9	19.4	0.484	0.131	0.615	1986
1991	3.7	11.2	4.9	18.0	10.6	5.4	53.7	20.0	0.443	0.161	0.604	1991
1996	3.6	11.5	5.3	18.4	13.4	6.5	58.6	22.3	0.406	0.174	0.580	1996
2001	3.0	10.7	6.1	17.3	16.0	7.5	60.7	24.6	0.348	0.190	0.538	2001
2006	3.0	9.2	5.9	15.9	18.2	8.5	60.7	25.7	0.305	0.212	0.516	2006
2011	3.1	8.1	5.3	15.6	19.3	9.7	61.1	27.1	0.278	0.243	0.520	2011
2016	3.0	7.7	4.5	15.9	18.0	11.9	61.1	28.0	0.279	0.309	0.588	2016
2021	2.7	7.8	3.8	15.7	16.3	14.2	60.5	28.0	0.293	0.396	0.689	2021
2026	2.5	7.5	3.8	14.2	15.0	16.2	59.2	27.8	0.302	0.491	0.794	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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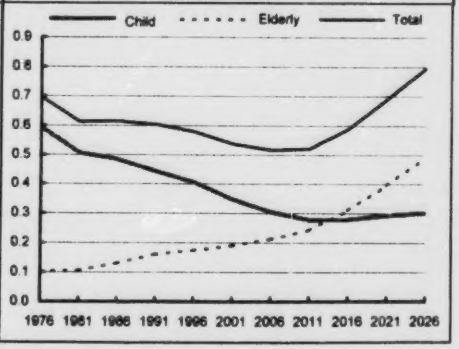

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Mackenzie, McBride, Prince George, Valemount

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, with tourism playing a lesser, though still significant, role. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy. Positioned as it is at the junction to the North to Alaska, the South to Vancouver, the East to Alberta and the West to Prince Rupert, Prince George experiences a great deal of tourist activity.

Developments in the forest sector will likely drive growth in this region in the future. This area is home to a large number of pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to this area is sustained if it is to maintain its job base. There have been a couple of mill closures in the last couple of years in this area and there will likely be some population impacts as a result.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser-Fort George							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,076	3,569	304	140	29	4,042	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	478	450	39	14	3	506	12.5%	5.9%	9,126
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	10	4	0	1	0	5	0.1%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	1	2	2	0	0	4	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	503	480	38	16	0	534	13.2%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	101	149	25	15	17	206	5.1%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	105	151	22	4	0	177	4.4%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	188	388	30	22	2	442	10.9%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	365	291	19	8	0	318	7.9%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	15	21	4	3	0	28	0.7%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	114	70	12	6	0	88	2.2%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	414	139	6	3	0	148	3.7%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	227	291	11	5	0	307	7.6%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	99	55	2	3	0	60	1.5%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	109	146	15	2	1	164	4.1%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	8	33	1	1	2	37	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	23	304	22	6	2	334	8.3%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27	55	2	3	0	60	1.5%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	90	182	43	23	2	250	6.2%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	199	343	9	1	0	353	8.7%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		15	2	4	0	21	0.5%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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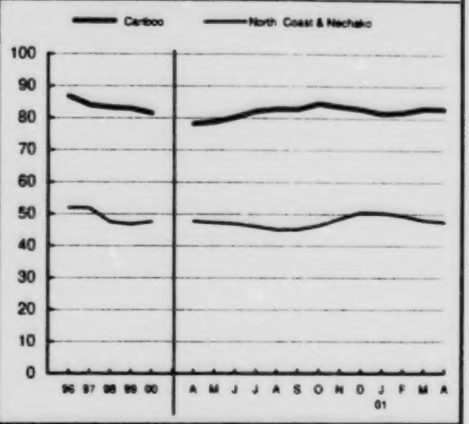
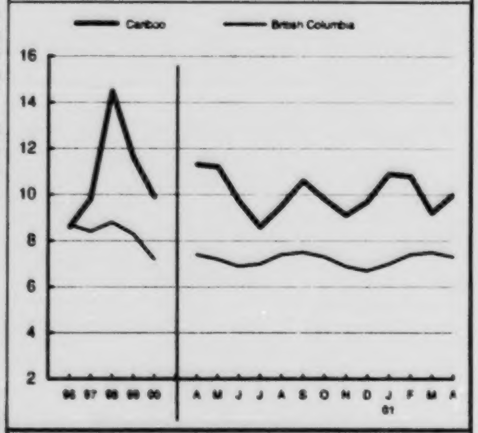
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Cariboo Emp. ('000)	Cariboo Unemp %	North Coast & Nechako Emp. ('000)	North Coast & Nechako Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	81.9	8.1	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	81.0	8.4	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	80.1	9.7	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	78.2	11.3	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
May	78.7	11.2	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	80.2	9.7	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	82.1	8.6	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	82.8	9.5	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	82.8	10.6	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	84.5	9.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	83.6	9.1	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	82.8	9.7	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	81.5	10.9	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	81.8	10.8	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	83.1	9.2	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	82.9	10.0	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:					year-to-dat	
Jan-Apr00	79.1	10.3	47.6	7.2	1,913.9	7.5
Jan-Apr01	82.8	10.0	47.7	11.6	1,927.6	7.5
% Change	4.7		0.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



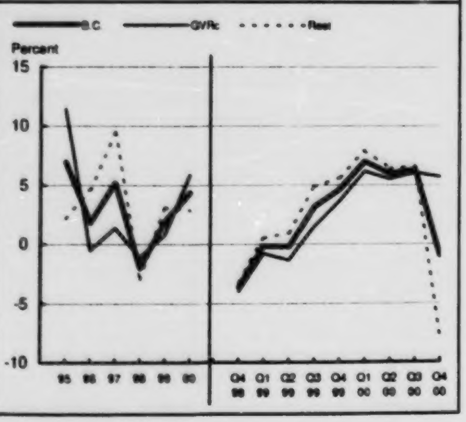
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
Quarterly data	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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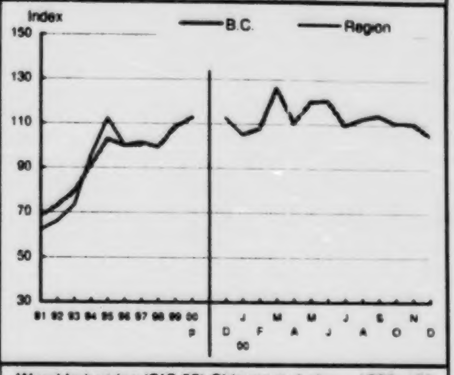
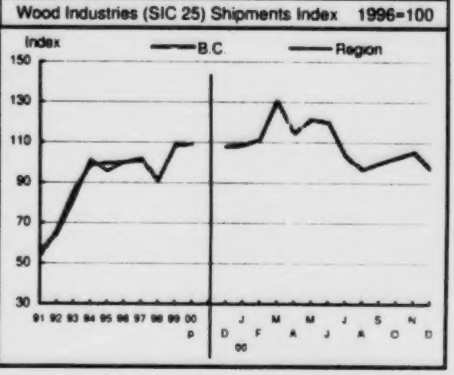
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	3	3	3
25	Wood	37	36	36	38	38
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	25	24	23	23	24
30	Metal Fabricating	20	20	20	21	23
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	100	102	113	112
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,120.6	1,402.1	1,322.0	1,382.4	1,389.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,010.3	1,279.2	1,199.9	1,270.9	1,270.4
30	Metal Fabricating	27.4	40.4	41.8	55.6	54.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,811.5	2,365.8	2,780.1	2,476.7	2,476.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	4,223	4,728	4,312	3,761	4,082
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3,582	4,011	3,640	3,130	3,323
30	Metal Fabricating	238	278	284	343	468
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	7,191	7,960	7,551	6,993	7,441
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	183.7	212.2	207.0	188.4	202.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	160.1	186.2	180.5	164.2	176.5
30	Metal Fabricating	8.7	11.4	12.4	13.4	18.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	326.1	384.6	386.6	372.7	389.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

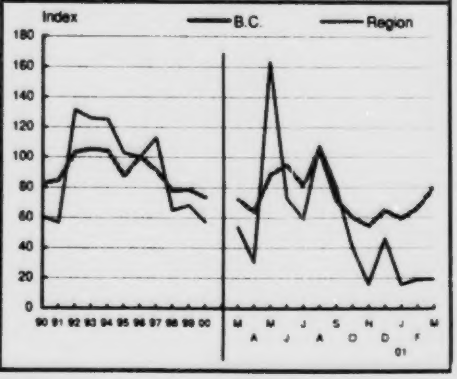


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	147.9	64.7	8.6	16.6	39.5	83.2	664
1994	147.3	69.3	13.6	15.6	40.2	78.0	705
1995	120.9	52.8	13.1	30.4	9.3	68.1	544
1996	117.5	42.1	11.0	19.7	11.4	75.3	705
1997	132.8	65.2	6.1	57.8	1.4	67.6	591
1998	76.3	21.6	2.4	11.5	7.6	54.7	517
1999	80.2	44.7	7.9	6.6	30.2	35.5	258
2000	67.1	45.9	5.9	12.8	27.1	21.2	146
Mar '00	6.9	5.1	0.8	4.0	0.2	1.8	10
Mar '01	5.2	2.5	0.2	1.9	0.3	2.8	18

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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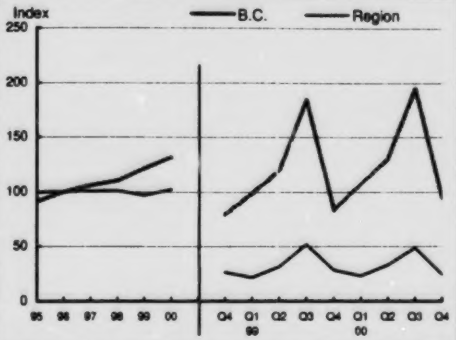
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	1996	9,302.3	1,533.1	2,356.5	3,452.3	1,960.5
	1997	9,301.2	1,555.2	2,332.5	3,470.5	1,943.0
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,446.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,605.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Fraser-Ft. George 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	26,711.1	100.0%
Hotels	18,410.2	68.9%
Motels	7,621.7	28.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

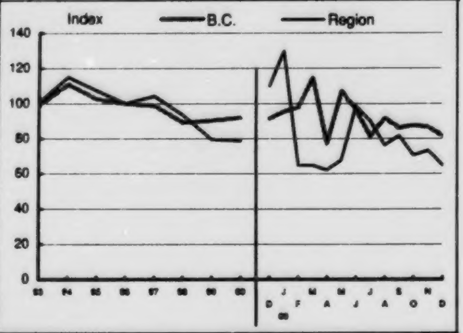


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	428
1994	490
1995	457
1996	426
1997	444
1998	398
1999	339
2000	335
Jan-Dec 99	339
Jan-Dec 00	335

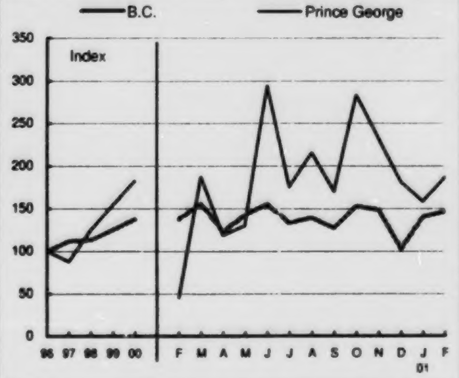
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



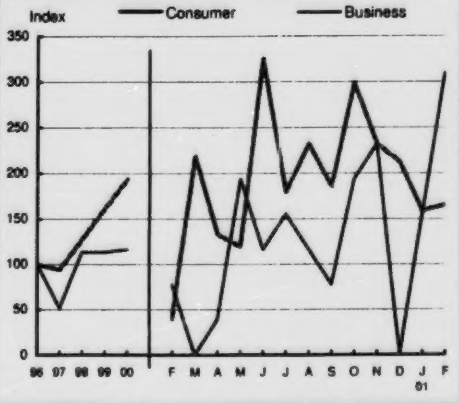
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	181	31	472	99	6,436	948
1997	170	16	646	120	7,366	895
1998	230	35	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	291	35	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	350	36	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	28	7	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	49	12	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince George Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Sep '98	8.7	12.0	11.1	6.9	4.7
	Dec '98	8.4	11.1	11.7	6.9	4.3
	Mar '99	8.6	11.4	12.1	7.1	4.3
	Jun '99	9.0	11.9	13.0	7.2	4.3
	Sep '99	8.4	11.4	11.6	6.7	4.3
	Dec '99	8.1	10.7	11.9	6.6	4.3
	Mar '00	8.3	10.9	12.3	6.7	4.3
	Jun '00	8.6	11.4	12.7	6.9	4.3
	Sep '00	8.3	11.2	12.5	6.4	4.3
	Dec '00	7.9	10.6	12.0	6.3	4.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

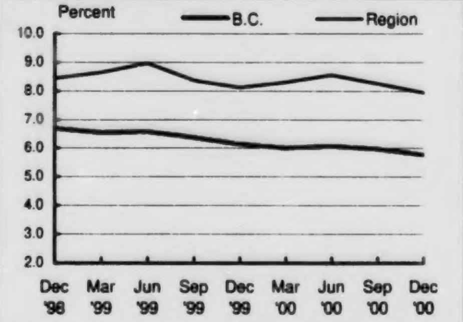
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.2	4.7	4.4	2.7	Sep '98
5.4	6.4	5.5	3.1	Dec '98
6.1	7.4	6.3	3.5	Mar '99
4.8	5.1	5.0	3.0	Jun '99
4.1	4.3	4.3	2.6	Sep '99
4.4	5.0	4.5	2.7	Dec '99
4.6	5.4	4.7	3.0	Mar '00
4.1	3.7	4.4	3.0	Jun '00
3.2	3.2	3.4	2.1	Sep '00

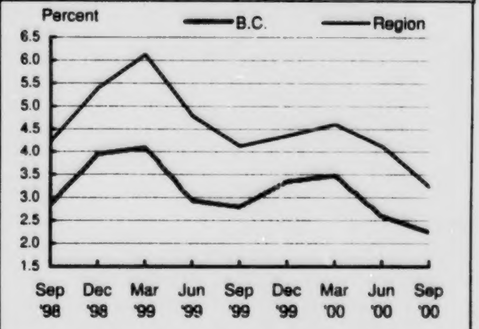
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,935	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.1	41.2
1-2 Years	18.5	17.8
>2 Years	35.3	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

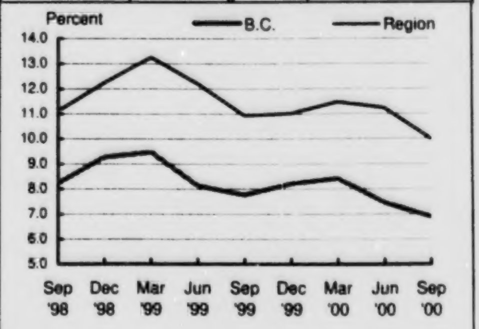
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Sep '98	11.1	15.5	11.0	6.4
	Dec '98	12.3	17.5	12.1	7.1
	Mar '99	13.2	18.9	13.1	7.4
	Jun '99	12.2	17.7	12.0	7.0
	Sep '99	10.9	15.5	10.8	6.4
	Dec '99	11.0	16.5	10.8	6.1
	Mar '00	11.5	17.2	11.2	6.6
	Jun '00	11.2	16.1	11.0	6.6
	Sep '00	10.0	15.4	9.7	5.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The downturn in the forest sector in the mid-eighties was responsible for much of the net out-migration from the area at that time. In the mid-nineties the area received large net inflows of migrants. Some of this may be due to the construction of the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George.

The median age of the population in this area is significantly lower than the provincial median, and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is higher than the provincial ratio. Conversely the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is significantly lower than the provincial ratio. The dependence on the forest sector and the male-dominated employment in the industry is likely the reason for the gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males.

14 Projection

Although forestry is the main economic driver, the economy of this area is sufficiently diversified such that it can expect to continue to receive net migration inflows over most of the projection period with the exception of the next year or so. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) is expected to be positive as well, which means the area will continue to experience strong, positive growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

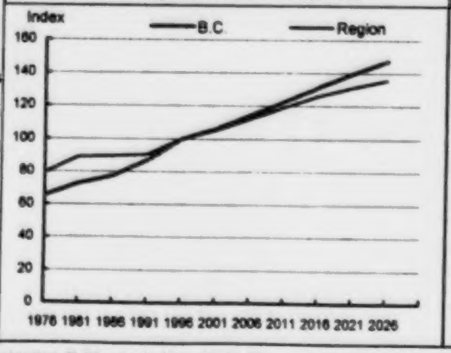
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.3	22.9	11.9	25.9	10.4	2.3	81.7	23.7	0.648	0.047	0.696	1976
1981	8.8	22.6	13.9	31.6	12.3	2.8	91.9	29.1	0.544	0.048	0.592	1981
1986	8.4	21.3	11.7	33.2	14.3	3.6	92.5	30.8	0.501	0.060	0.561	1986
1991	7.8	20.7	10.1	33.9	16.4	4.5	93.3	31.7	0.471	0.074	0.545	1991
1996	7.6	22.0	11.1	36.5	20.3	5.8	103.2	36.1	0.436	0.085	0.521	1996
2001	6.7	21.7	11.3	36.4	25.4	7.1	108.6	39.6	0.390	0.097	0.486	2001
2006	6.9	20.4	12.1	36.9	30.6	8.7	115.7	44.1	0.344	0.109	0.453	2006
2011	7.3	19.6	12.0	38.5	34.4	11.1	123.0	49.5	0.316	0.130	0.447	2011
2016	7.6	19.8	11.2	40.4	36.3	14.6	129.8	54.3	0.312	0.166	0.478	2016
2021	7.5	20.5	10.5	40.9	37.2	18.7	135.3	58.0	0.316	0.212	0.527	2021
2026	7.3	20.7	10.9	39.9	37.9	23.0	139.8	61.4	0.317	0.260	0.576	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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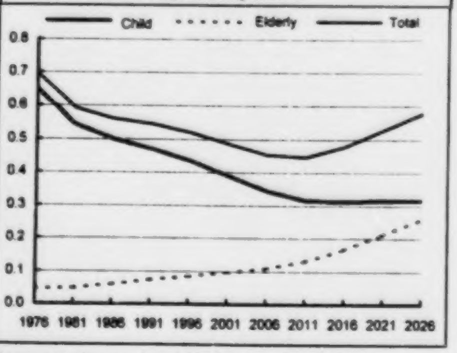

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Fraser Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent, Mission

In the areas furthest from Vancouver, agriculture and forestry are the main economic drivers. For the areas closer to Vancouver, the industrial base of Greater Vancouver is the main stimulus for the economy.

The agreement by the municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) on a Livable Region Strategic Plan will also have consequences for this region. As the GVRD begins to put the infrastructure in place to promote its Growth Concentration Area, the recent trend of growth moving out into the Valley will likely slow considerably. Growth rates experienced in the last decade will be substantially higher than those experienced in the next.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2. Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	7,532	8,411	502	192	23	9,128	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	896	735	67	34	14	850	9.3%	5.9%	9,128
22	Utilities	111	125	18	14	9	166	1.8%	0.5%	850
23	Construction	22,713	15,691	1,061	308	19	17,079	187.1%	0.1%	166
31-33	Manufacturing	4,613	7,146	1,245	585	142	9,118	99.9%	11.0%	17,079
41	Wholesale Trade	6,828	9,403	795	221	12	10,431	114.3%	5.9%	9,118
44-45	Retail Trade	9,726	15,795	1,296	560	85	17,736	194.3%	6.7%	10,431
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	6,864	6,426	427	195	50	7,098	77.8%	11.4%	17,736
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,707	1,730	232	122	19	2,103	23.0%	4.6%	7,098
52	Finance & Insurance	8,957	4,478	503	219	38	5,238	57.4%	1.4%	2,103
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	19,355	6,362	447	149	15	6,973	76.4%	3.4%	5,238
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	17,001	15,132	868	283	28	16,311	178.7%	4.5%	6,973
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5,989	2,897	314	148	4	3,363	36.8%	10.5%	16,311
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	5,804	6,494	517	206	28	7,245	79.4%	2.2%	3,363
61	Educational Services	787	1,399	170	84	81	1,734	19.0%	4.7%	7,245
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,099	11,966	746	413	112	13,237	145.0%	1.1%	1,734
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,178	2,282	224	140	28	2,674	29.3%	8.5%	13,237
72	Accom. & Food Services	4,087	8,378	2,184	835	48	11,445	125.4%	1.7%	2,674
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	7,278	11,620	414	108	23	12,165	133.3%	7.4%	11,445
91	Public Administration	9	543	124	119	64	850	9.3%	7.9%	12,165
	Total, All Industries	20,402	22,753	1,802	692	128	25,375	278.0%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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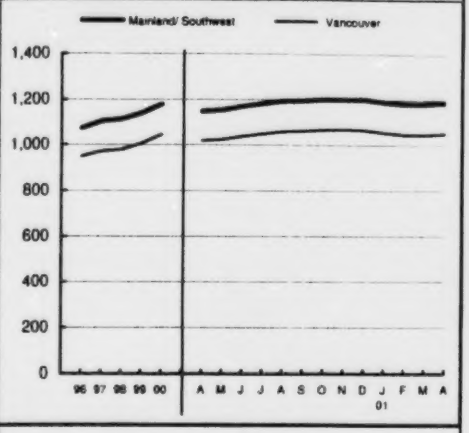
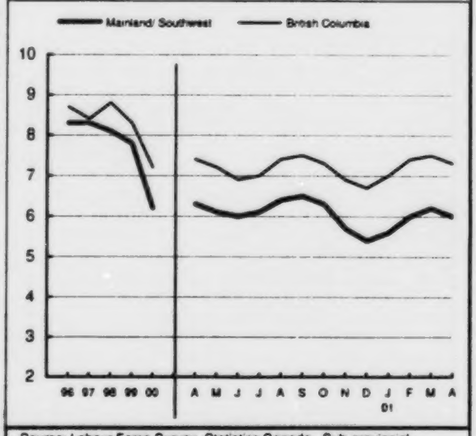
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991				832.8	8.5	1,572.6	10.1
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,143.3	7.1	1,005.7	6.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,147.2	6.8	1,011.5	6.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,143.8	6.7	1,011.8	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,147.2	6.3	1,017.3	6.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,153.4	6.1	1,023.1	5.8	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,169.1	6.0	1,036.6	5.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,181.9	6.1	1,048.4	5.9	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,192.9	6.4	1,058.3	6.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,196.1	6.5	1,062.3	6.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,202.1	6.3	1,066.7	6.1	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,202.5	5.7	1,069.3	5.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,202.5	5.4	1,067.2	5.2	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	1,144.5	6.6	1,013.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	1,183.2	6.1	1,046.1	6.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	3.4		3.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



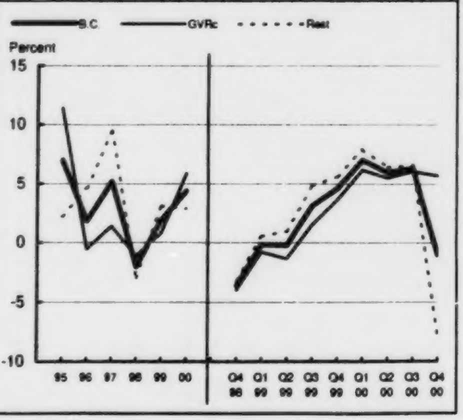
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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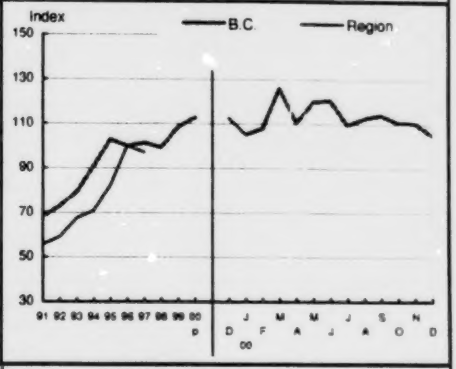
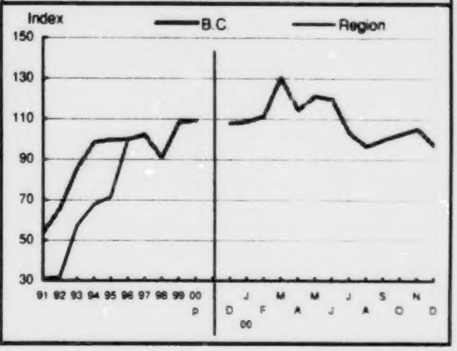
5 Manufacturing (to 1995, Central Fraser Valley + Fraser-Cheam; 1996 & later, Fraser Valley)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	31	29	27	33	29
25	Wood	39	36	33	54	52
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	8	7	9	8
30	Metal Fabricating	10	11	14	26	22
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	153	143	156	214	203
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	401.9	388.6	445.3	447.6	432.1
25	Wood	234.1	277.0	292.5	409.3	420.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	69.6	93.6	**	81.0	84.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	74.1	69.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	843.3	885.3	1,027.6	1,249.4	1,212.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	1,742	1,697	1,525	1,458	1,301
25	Wood	1,654	1,589	1,487	1,836	1,862
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	364	455	**	409	352
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	408	369
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,218	4,963	5,124	6,121	5,882
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	55.7	56.2	51.8	53.6	47.5
25	Wood	52.0	54.3	55.4	69.6	69.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13.7	17.4	**	15.7	14.7
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	15.7	14.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	169.4	169.4	182.1	218.4	207.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

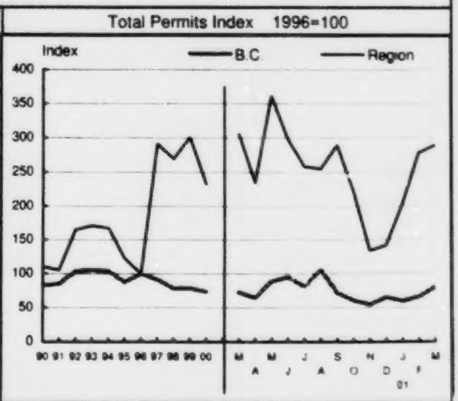


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	151.1	44.9	9.9	8.2	26.8	106.2	1,452
1994	147.6	34.9	10.5	14.1	10.3	112.6	1,472
1995	108.6	52.5	6.3	17.7	28.5	56.1	551
1996	88.4	40.6	5.0	25.1	10.5	47.8	499
1997	256.8	99.6	18.0	62.8	18.8	157.2	2,562
1998	238.0	110.5	26.9	69.4	14.2	127.5	1,614
1999	265.1	159.5	55.1	73.4	31.0	105.6	1,053
2000	206.0	113.6	44.4	41.2	28.0	92.4	699
Mar '00	44.7	21.7	5.0	9.4	7.3	23.0	168
Mar '01	56.6	37.5	12.6	12.3	12.6	19.1	135

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
BREAK IN SERIES: data are for former Fraser-Cheam RD through 1996; for 1997 onwards, data are for Fraser Valley RD

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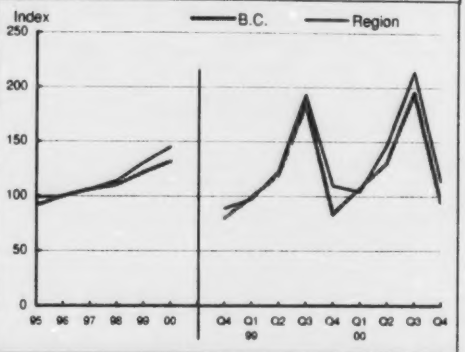
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser Valley Regional District	1996	21,809.5	3,794.6	5,440.0	8,358.8	4,216.1
	1997	23,155.3	3,903.5	6,215.6	8,560.2	4,476.0
	1998	24,839.4	4,547.0	6.113.5	9,347.1	4,831.8
	1999	28,460.7	5,274.9	6,700.9	10,507.8	5,977.1
	2000	31,573.7	5,684.2	8,017.1	11,669.9	6,202.6
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Fraser Valley 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	31,573.7	100.0%
Hotels	23,685.4	75.0%
76+ Rooms	20,808.7	65.9%
1-75 Rooms	2,876.6	9.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

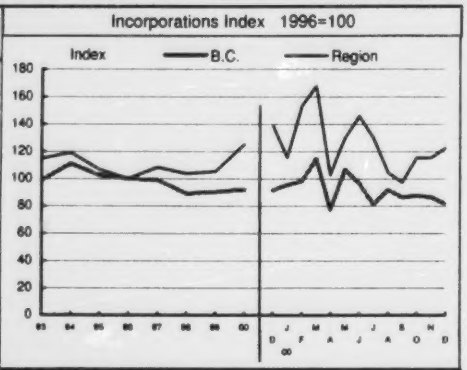


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations for Fraser-Cheam RD + Central Fraser Valley RD

Year	Incorporations
1993	764
1994	794
1995	710
1996	666
1997	721
1998	690
1999	701
2000	832
Jan-Dec 99	701
Jan-Dec 00	832

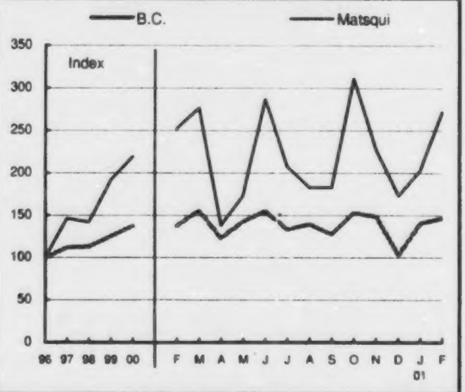
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



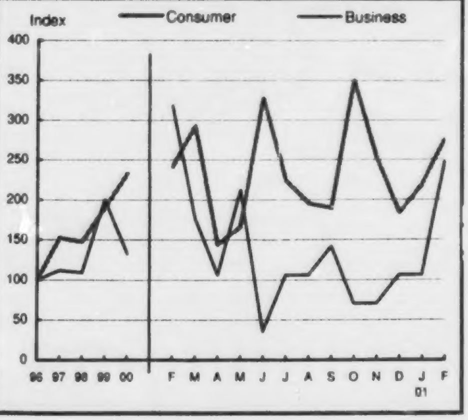
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Matsqui		Chilliwack		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	209	34	117	20	6,436	948
1997	318	38	145	23	7,366	895
1998	308	37	147	27	7,327	1,031
1999	397	68	193	24	8,179	1,075
2000	487	45	213	22	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	82	13	37	2	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	66	10	31	3	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Matsqui Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

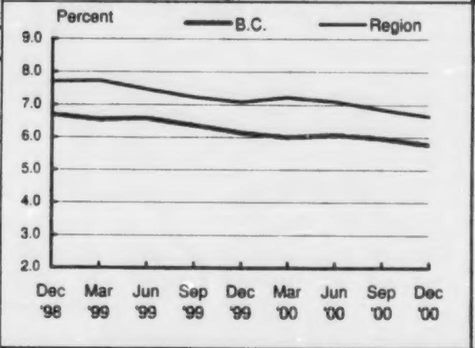
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '98	7.9	10.9	8.8	6.5	4.4
	Dec '98	7.7	10.4	9.0	6.4	4.2
	Mar '99	7.7	10.3	8.8	6.6	4.2
	Jun '99	7.5	10.1	8.2	6.3	4.2
	Sep '99	7.2	9.9	7.9	6.1	4.2
	Dec '99	7.1	9.6	8.0	6.0	4.2
	Mar '00	7.2	9.7	8.5	6.1	4.2
	Jun '00	7.1	9.6	8.3	6.0	4.2
	Sep '00	6.9	9.4	7.7	5.7	4.2
	Dec '00	6.6	9.0	7.6	5.6	4.2

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	13,615	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	39.2	41.2
1-2 Years	17.8	17.8
>2 Years	43.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



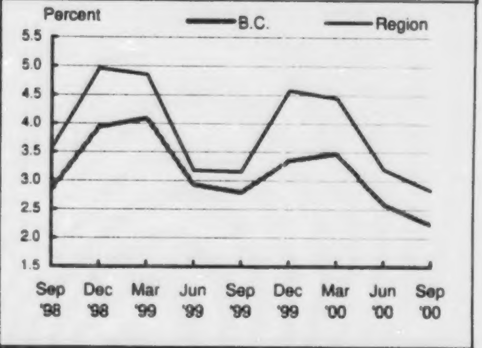
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.6	4.3	3.7	2.2	Sep '98
5.0	5.6	5.0	4.3	Dec '98
4.9	5.6	4.9	3.7	Mar '99
3.2	3.6	3.3	1.9	Jun '99
3.2	3.5	3.4	1.7	Sep '99
4.6	5.0	4.6	4.1	Dec '99
4.4	5.0	4.5	3.8	Mar '00
3.2	3.7	3.3	2.2	Jun '00
2.8	3.1	3.1	1.4	Sep '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

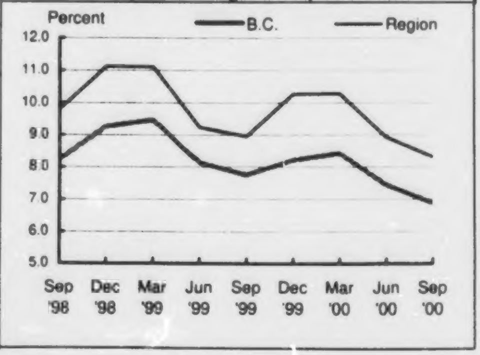
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Sep '98	9.8	12.8	10.0	5.8
	Dec '98	11.1	14.2	11.2	8.1
	Mar '99	11.1	14.0	11.3	7.5
	Jun '99	9.2	11.5	9.5	5.7
	Sep '99	9.0	11.1	9.3	5.2
	Dec '99	10.3	12.6	10.4	7.6
	Mar '00	10.3	13.1	10.3	7.3
	Jun '00	8.9	11.7	9.1	5.5
	Sep '00	8.3	10.6	8.6	4.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Fraser Valley
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13 Demographics

Although this region is still far more rural than the neighbouring GVRD, the population density is four times that of the province as a whole. The more rural nature of the region is one of the reasons for the substantially higher total fertility rate compared to the provincial rate. As a result, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is quite high for this region, with almost one and a half times the amount of births compared to deaths.

14 Projection

Net migration to this region has been high in the last couple of decades, and this will likely continue to be the case in the future, due to the large availability of land. However, growth should be tempered as a result of the GVRD's Livable Region Strategic Plan, which will make more efficient use of land in the Growth Concentration Area and draw more people into urban Vancouver. Despite this, the combination of continued high natural increase and substantial inflows of migrants will result in strong population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

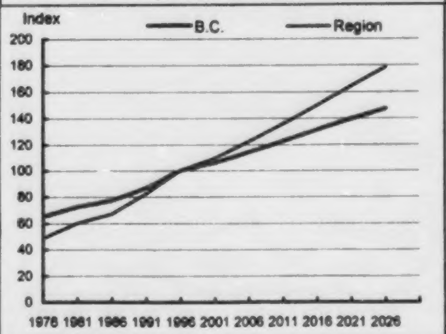
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.5	27.8	14.4	28.1	22.0	12.0	112.8	35.5	0.562	0.185	0.748	1976
1981	11.2	29.2	17.8	38.6	26.1	16.1	139.1	46.8	0.490	0.195	0.685	1981
1986	12.5	30.4	17.2	46.4	28.5	20.0	155.1	53.7	0.466	0.217	0.683	1986
1991	15.2	36.9	16.9	60.1	35.4	26.7	191.1	66.5	0.463	0.238	0.701	1991
1996	17.6	45.2	20.4	72.4	44.7	31.1	231.4	80.6	0.457	0.226	0.683	1996
2001	16.9	48.8	23.1	75.3	54.2	34.5	252.8	88.7	0.431	0.226	0.657	2001
2006	18.4	50.7	26.9	81.0	68.4	37.8	283.2	102.7	0.391	0.215	0.606	2006
2011	20.3	52.4	29.0	87.7	82.2	42.4	313.9	118.0	0.365	0.213	0.578	2011
2016	22.3	56.2	29.9	96.9	91.6	49.8	346.7	133.9	0.359	0.228	0.587	2016
2021	23.8	61.4	30.4	106.0	98.6	59.6	379.7	149.0	0.363	0.254	0.617	2021
2026	25.4	66.3	32.9	111.9	104.8	71.6	412.9	164.5	0.367	0.287	0.654	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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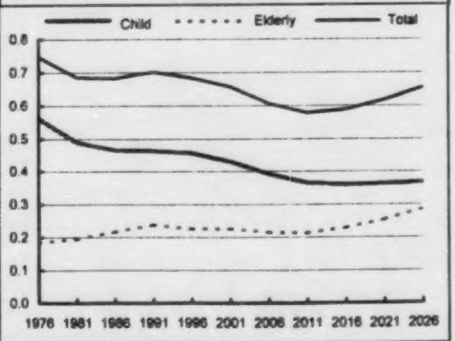

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Greater Vancouver
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Anmore, Belcarra, Bowen Island, Burnaby, City of Langley, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley DM, Lions Bay, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, North Vancouver City, North Vancouver DM, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Vancouver, West Vancouver, White Rock

This region constitutes the economic heart of the province. Manufacturing, trade, and service activity in the Vancouver area are the main economic drivers for the region as a whole. Areas in the region outside of metro Vancouver are mainly residential and industrial suburbs.

The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where intrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. This plan is certain to affect the growth patterns of this and neighbouring regions.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	the new Greater Vancouver RD							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	74,249	67,911	6,738	2,931	495	78,075	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,365	1,209	114	61	8	1,392	1.8%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	515	322	35	18	2	377	0.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	44	37	5	5	7	54	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	11,360	6,841	559	182	17	7,599	9.7%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	2,431	4,000	819	361	60	5,240	6.7%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	4,586	6,441	579	185	12	7,217	9.2%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	5,035	7,122	618	283	61	8,084	10.4%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	3,205	2,813	242	129	36	3,220	4.1%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,270	1,154	144	93	16	1,407	1.8%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	6,089	2,853	326	142	27	3,348	4.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	11,738	3,554	289	106	14	3,963	5.1%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	11,480	9,206	611	236	26	10,079	12.9%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	3,807	1,702	200	99	2	2,003	2.6%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	3,465	3,503	330	157	21	4,011	5.1%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	480	775	119	32	24	950	1.2%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	601	5,970	330	179	58	6,537	8.4%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,335	983	87	92	18	1,180	1.5%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	1,934	3,702	1,059	457	32	5,250	6.7%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	3,508	5,650	256	77	20	6,003	7.7%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	1	74	16	37	34	161	0.2%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Langley City and District Municipality are included in Greater Vancouver.

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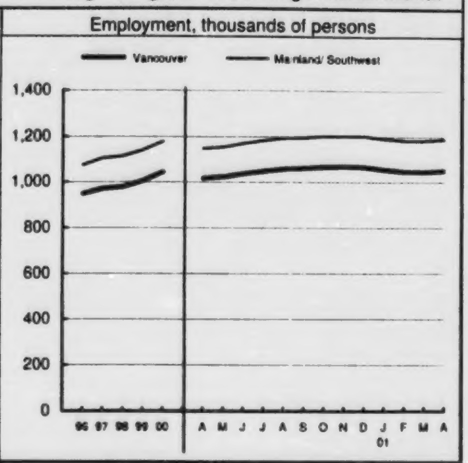
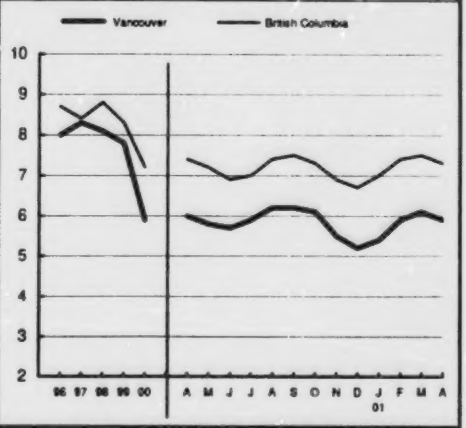
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver		Mainland/ Southwest		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991		832.8	8.5			1,572.6	10.1
1992		859.8	9.0			1,620.3	10.2
1993		869.5	9.3			1,675.9	9.7
1994		908.9	8.6			1,754.0	9.0
1995		929.6	7.9	1,055.8	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		948.6	8.0	1,073.4	8.3	1,821.2	8.7
1997		971.3	8.3	1,104.0	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		979.6	8.1	1,113.4	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,005.4	7.8	1,140.1	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,044.5	5.9	1,177.9	6.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,005.7	6.8	1,143.3	7.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,011.5	6.5	1,147.2	6.8	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,011.8	6.4	1,143.8	6.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,017.3	6.0	1,147.2	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,023.1	5.8	1,153.4	6.1	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,036.6	5.7	1,169.1	6.0	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,048.4	5.9	1,181.9	6.1	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,058.3	6.2	1,192.9	6.4	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,062.3	6.2	1,196.1	6.5	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,066.7	6.1	1,202.1	6.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,069.3	5.5	1,202.5	5.7	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,067.2	5.2	1,202.5	5.4	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,055.7	5.4	1,191.0	5.6	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,046.4	5.9	1,183.9	6.0	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,045.7	6.1	1,183.5	6.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,050.7	5.9	1,188.1	6.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	1,013.3	6.2	1,144.5	6.6	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	1,046.1	6.0	1,183.2	6.1	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	3.2		3.4		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



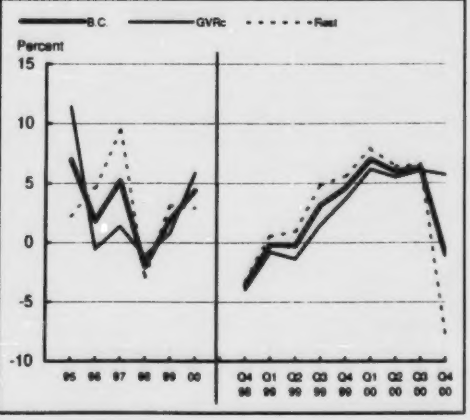
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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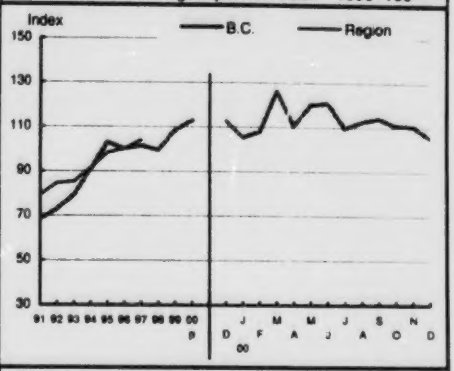
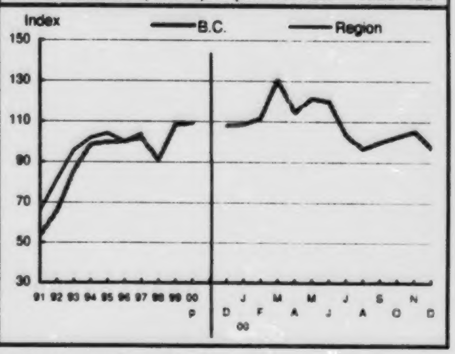
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics (to 1995, old GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette; 1996 & later, new GVRD)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	190	182	188	207	210
25	Wood	227	223	224	245	233
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	66	65	66	67	68
30	Metal Fabricating	336	331	355	409	405
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,266	2,187	2,415	2,665	2,574
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	2,367.6	2,450.1	2,527.8	2,465.5	2,579.5
25	Wood	2,380.5	2,537.1	2,591.2	2,490.8	2,586.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,759.7	1,816.5	1,837.1	1,870.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1,020.8	1,110.7	1,193.4	1,291.4	1,386.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	12,768.1	13,691.6	14,707.3	14,982.9	15,564.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	11,228	11,729	12,646	11,828	11,824
25	Wood	11,517	12,053	12,036	10,611	10,940
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	7,200	7,295	6,414	6,482
30	Metal Fabricating	7,638	7,916	8,119	7,765	8,531
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	74,676	78,292	80,398	77,890	82,741
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	370.2	397.5	421.8	389.0	387.9
25	Wood	433.5	488.8	511.3	465.5	472.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	315.5	334.4	314.8	309.0
30	Metal Fabricating	277.5	300.3	307.3	311.2	343.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,644.5	2,968.9	3,138.0	3,043.0	3,218.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

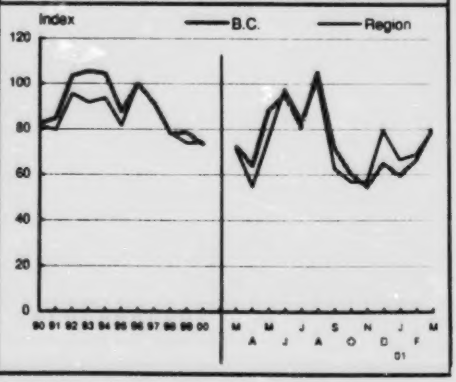


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	3,343.1	987.6	73.3	492.4	421.9	2,355.5	19,108
1994	3,408.7	927.0	63.9	619.9	243.2	2,461.7	19,179
1995	2,973.1	1,037.5	100.0	580.8	356.7	1,935.6	13,753
1996	3,643.3	1,106.6	150.8	674.5	281.3	2,536.8	17,693
1997	3,315.2	1,164.6	163.8	848.2	152.6	2,150.6	15,214
1998	2,857.8	1,230.9	160.3	808.6	262.0	1,626.9	11,103
1999	2,692.0	1,119.8	175.2	654.3	290.3	1,572.2	9,921
2000	2,699.3	1,249.0	137.7	851.1	260.3	1,450.3	8,925
Mar '00	668.4	353.0	20.6	245.9	86.6	315.3	2,114
Mar '01	649.1	250.1	30.7	162.2	57.2	398.9	2,014

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
Note: Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows included in GVRD commencing approx. August 1995

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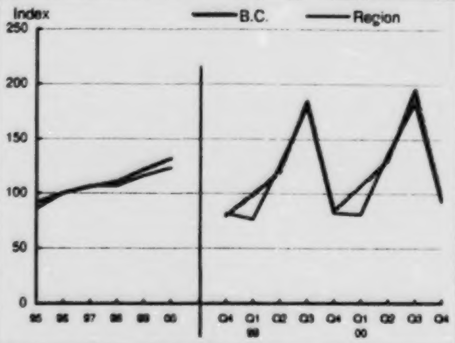
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Greater Vancouver Regional District	1996	504,652.4	82,714.5	137,406.7	191,141.0	93,390.3
	1997	537,177.6	82,700.5	148,961.2	202,018.9	103,497.1
	1998	538,024.0	87,187.0	142,928.2	204,774.9	103,133.9
	1999	585,814.5	96,251.9	159,453.1	226,458.4	103,651.0
	2000	621,835.0	102,155.2	171,894.2	230,748.6	117,036.9
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Greater Vancouver 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

	$Thousands	%Share
Total	621,835.0	100.0%
Hotels	588,879.8	94.7%
150+ Rooms	436,045.2	70.1%
76-149 Rooms	116,182.0	18.7%
1-75 Rooms	36,652.6	5.9%
Motels	20,900.5	3.4%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

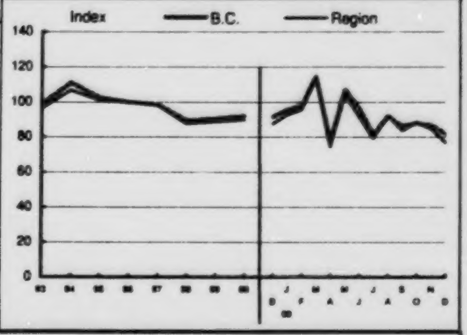


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations for GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette RD

Year	Incorporations
1993	15,914
1994	17,624
1995	16,669
1996	16,502
1997	16,173
1998	14,456
1999	14,660
2000	14,807
Jan-Dec 99	14,660
Jan-Dec 00	14,807

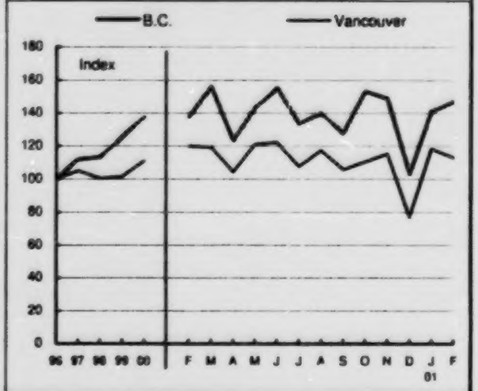
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



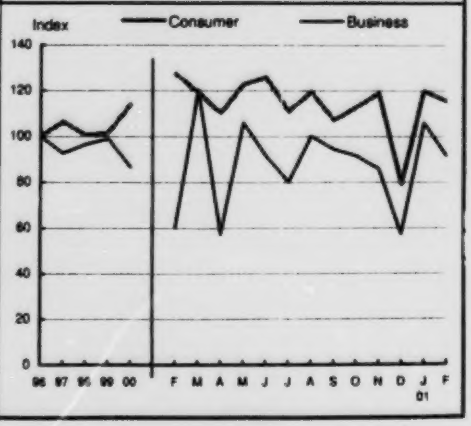
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	3,374	419	6,436	948
1997	3,593	389	7,366	895
1998	3,399	405	7,327	1,031
1999	3,428	415	8,179	1,075
2000	3,842	363	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	675	54	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	662	69	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vancouver Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Sep '98	5.9	8.6	5.6	5.0	2.4
	Dec '98	5.7	8.2	5.1	4.9	2.3
	Mar '99	5.6	8.1	5.2	4.9	2.3
	Jun '99	5.3	7.9	4.9	4.6	2.3
	Sep '99	5.2	7.8	4.7	4.4	2.3
	Dec '99	5.0	7.5	4.5	4.3	2.3
	Mar '00	5.0	7.5	4.5	4.3	2.3
	Jun '00	4.9	7.3	4.4	4.2	2.3
	Sep '00	4.7	7.2	4.2	4.0	2.3
	Dec '00	4.6	6.9	4.1	3.9	2.3

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

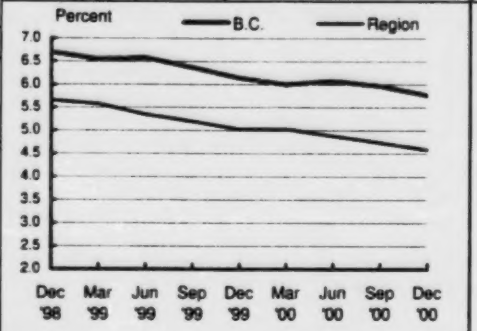
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Sep '98	2.4	2.0	2.7	1.5
Dec '98	3.1	2.6	3.3	2.4
Mar '99	3.2	2.9	3.4	2.2
Jun '99	2.5	2.1	2.7	1.5
Sep '99	2.4	1.9	2.6	1.4
Dec '99	2.7	2.2	2.9	2.1
Mar '00	2.7	2.3	3.0	2.0
Jun '00	2.2	1.8	2.4	1.4
Sep '00	1.9	1.6	2.1	1.2

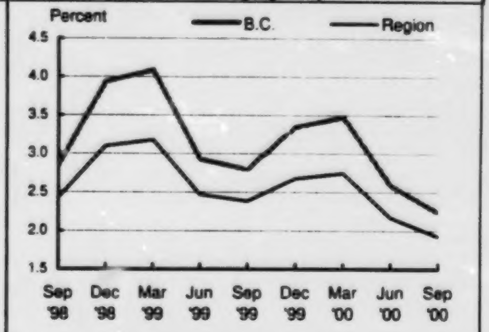
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	80,380	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	35.3	41.2
1-2 Years	17.5	17.8
>2 Years	47.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

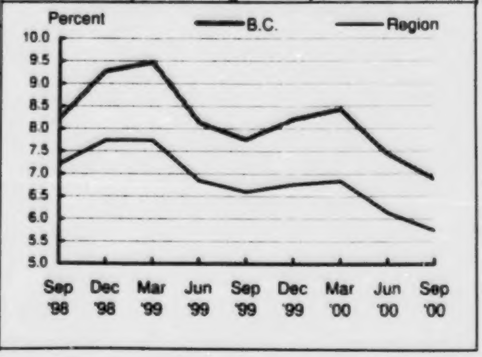
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Sep '98	7.2	7.4	7.6	5.0
	Dec '98	7.7	7.6	8.1	5.9
	Mar '99	7.7	7.8	8.1	5.6
	Jun '99	6.8	6.8	7.2	4.7
	Sep '99	6.6	6.4	7.0	4.6
	Dec '99	6.8	6.5	7.1	5.2
	Mar '00	6.8	6.6	7.2	5.2
	Jun '00	6.1	6.0	6.5	4.5
	Sep '00	5.7	5.7	6.0	4.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This is the most densely populated region in the province, over 100 times more so than the province as a whole. Although the region comprises only a small portion of the land base of the province, it contains almost half the population. For this reason, many of the demographic characteristics of the area are similar to those of the province as a whole, although due to the more urban nature of the area, the total fertility rate is significantly lower than the provincial rate.

Net migration to this area has been quite strong over the last twenty years, and it is projected that this will continue to be the case over the next two decades as well. The region can expect an additional one million people in the next 25 years.

14 Projection

The GVRD's intention to go ahead with the Livable Region Strategic Plan will likely slow the current trend of growth outward toward the Valley and shift growth back into the urban core. As a result, this region will continue to experience strong growth and will remain the main population centre in the province.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

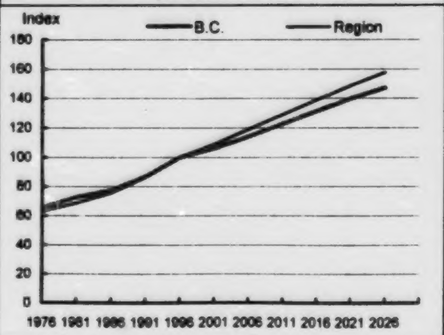
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	74.5	248.1	159.7	344.8	249.2	125.1	1,201.5	419.2	0.428	0.166	0.594	1976
1981	79.3	227.8	177.5	413.2	263.3	148.1	1,309.2	490.9	0.360	0.173	0.533	1981
1986	92.9	225.7	172.9	494.2	285.6	171.6	1,443.0	554.5	0.334	0.180	0.515	1986
1991	106.7	255.9	170.7	592.6	323.1	198.3	1,647.3	622.3	0.334	0.183	0.516	1991
1996	116.2	299.0	187.2	677.0	409.7	221.3	1,910.3	714.7	0.326	0.174	0.500	1996
2001	116.7	315.1	191.6	704.0	506.8	243.0	2,077.3	810.3	0.308	0.173	0.481	2001
2006	123.1	326.6	206.3	731.9	615.5	270.6	2,274.0	907.6	0.289	0.174	0.464	2006
2011	131.4	335.9	214.8	755.7	711.6	314.4	2,463.8	1,003.8	0.278	0.187	0.465	2011
2016	140.0	350.2	221.2	785.7	765.1	391.9	2,654.1	1,098.6	0.277	0.221	0.498	2016
2021	146.3	371.2	222.4	819.5	798.6	477.8	2,835.9	1,183.7	0.281	0.260	0.541	2021
2026	151.2	391.5	232.2	841.3	823.5	569.3	3,009.0	1,264.8	0.286	0.300	0.586	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

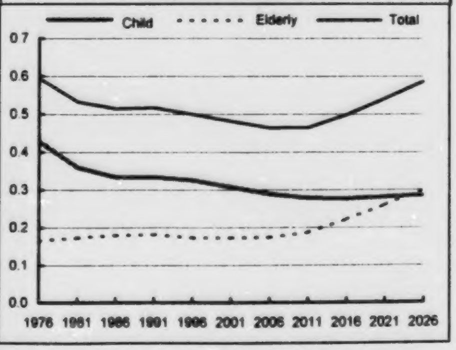
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Hazelton, Kitimat, New Hazelton, Stewart, Terrace

Forestry and mining are significant economic drivers for this region. The Eskay Creek Mine near Stewart is one of the largest silver producers in the world. The Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999 due to ore depletion. The Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat is the main employer in that area and is the largest aluminum smelter in Canada outside Quebec.

There have been several developments affecting this region recently. The recent Nisga'a land claims settlement could have significant effects for the entire region, and the Nisga'a area in particular, but it remains to be seen what these effects will be. This area is high in mineral potential and several new mines are being considered, which could have significant employment impacts for the region. In addition, Alcan has reached an agreement with the government over compensation for the Kemano Completion Project, which could lead to another smelter being built in Kitimat. Also, the Cassiar TSA's Allowable Annual Cut underwent a threefold increase in the last AAC determination, which may create employment in Telegraph Creek and help supply the mills in Terrace, Prince Rupert and Kitimat.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kitimat-Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	826	1,398	118	47	10	1,573	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	156	231	17	3	0	251	16.0%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	5	2	1	0	8	0.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities		2	1	2	0	5	0.3%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	150	182	15	2	0	199	12.7%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	22	40	4	5	3	52	3.3%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	31	58	2	0	0	60	3.8%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	70	163	13	12	0	188	12.0%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	80	108	5	2	0	115	7.3%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	13	0	3	0	16	1.0%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	30	19	5	2	0	26	1.7%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	82	55	1	0	0	56	3.6%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	51	81	6	2	0	89	5.7%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	24	10	1	0	1	12	0.8%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	35	59	2	0	0	61	3.9%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	2	9	3	1	3	16	1.0%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	7	109	10	6	2	127	8.1%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9	26	3	0	0	29	1.8%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	27	88	18	2	0	108	6.9%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	45	124	3	0	0	127	8.1%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		16	7	4	1	28	1.8%	0.5%	850

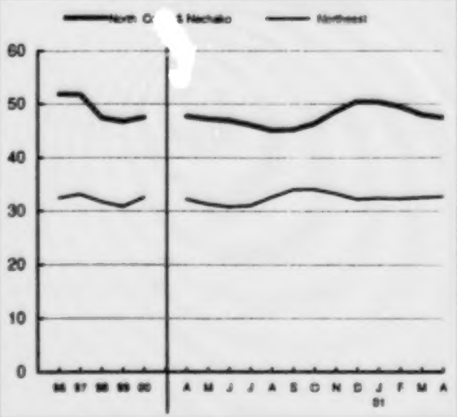
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

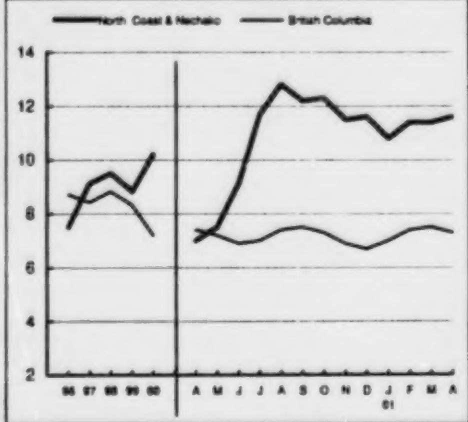
3 Employment and *Unemployment Rate*, *monthly data are* 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	31.7	4.0	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	31.9	7.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	32.2	5.6	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	33.0	3.5	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	32.2	3.9	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	31.3	5.4	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	30.8	7.5	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	31.0	9.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	32.6	8.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	34.0	7.1	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	34.1	5.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	33.3	5.7	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	32.2	5.8	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	4.2	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	47.6	7.2	32.4	4.0	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	47.7	11.6	32.6	4.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	0.2		0.6		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



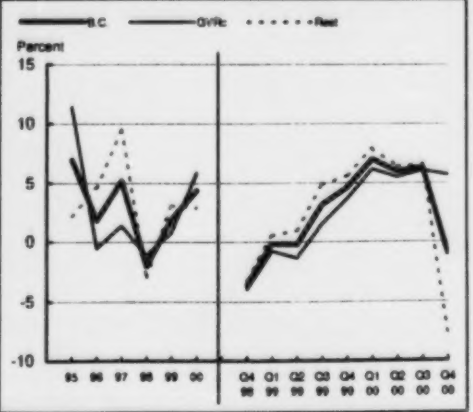
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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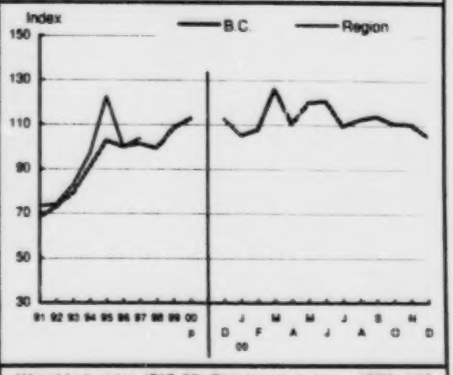
Regional District

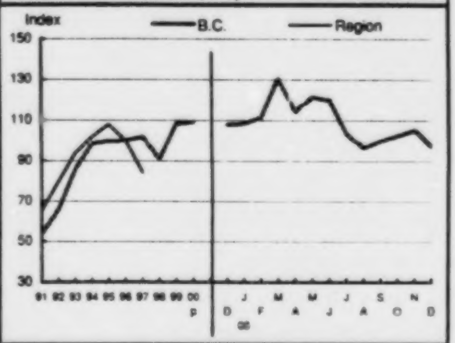
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	7	9	9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	5	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	5	4	2	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	21	19	27	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	218.6	237.6	251.7	233.3	196.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	7.2	6.1	**	10.8	12.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	910.5	1,063.8	1,343.1	1,096.9	1,138.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	23	0	**	**
25	Wood	819	615	689	619	622
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	42	29	**	44	55
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,405	3,064	3,411	4,010	3,879
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.8	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	39.6	37.0	38.2	36.1	31.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	0.9	**	1.7	2.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	199.6	178.3	198.5	195.2	190.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

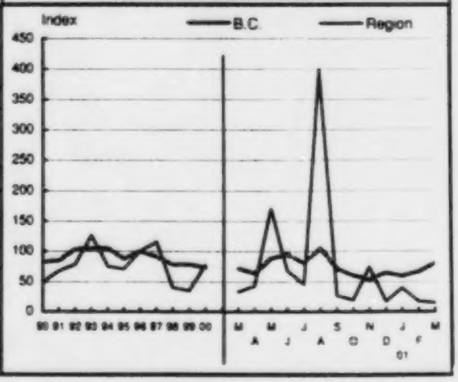


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	51.5	32.7	24.5	6.1	2.1	18.6	149
1994	30.7	14.8	2.8	5.1	6.9	15.8	111
1995	28.9	11.8	3.0	7.5	1.3	17.1	112
1996	41.0	17.8	7.0	9.6	1.2	23.2	174
1997	47.4	28.5	17.1	10.5	0.9	18.8	125
1998	16.4	6.4	2.6	2.4	1.3	10.0	50
1999	14.4	7.5	3.8	3.5	0.3	6.8	32
2000	31.7	25.4	0.3	3.8	21.3	6.4	25
Mar '00	2.4	1.2	0.1	0.8	0.3	1.2	6
Mar '01	2.4	1.8	0.0	1.5	0.3	0.5	2

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

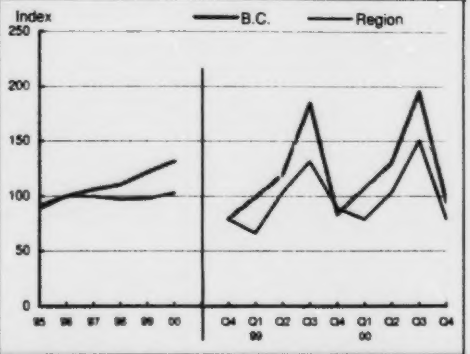
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	1996	8,447.9	1,444.9	2,230.3	2,954.5	1,818.2
	1997	8,416.4	1,490.1	2,302.5	2,796.8	1,827.1
	1998	8,197.1	1,514.0	2,192.2	2,821.8	1,669.0
	1999	8,243.3	1,400.8	2,184.4	2,777.5	1,880.6
	2000	8,689.9	1,664.9	2,184.7	3,175.0	1,665.2
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Kitimat-Stikine 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,689.9	100.0%
Hotels	3,395.5	39.1%
Motels	4,736.2	54.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

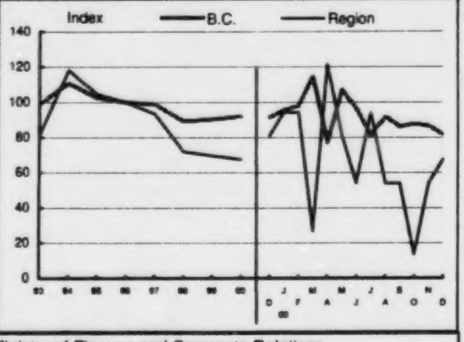


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	72
1994	105
1995	93
1996	89
1997	83
1998	64
1999	62
2000	60
Jan-Dec 99	62
Jan-Dec 00	60

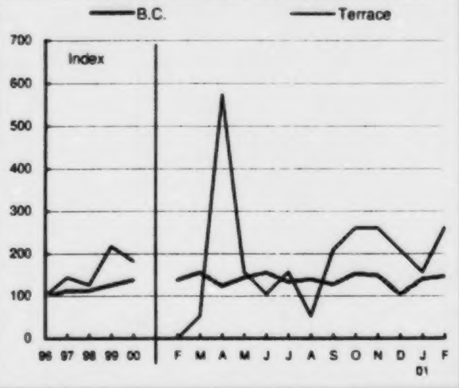
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



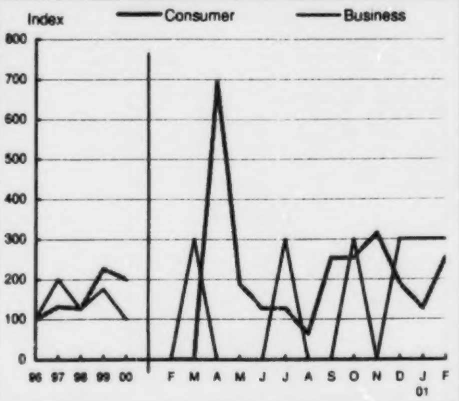
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Terrace		Kitimat		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	19	4	17	2	6,436	948
1997	25	8	10	1	7,366	895
1998	24	5	6	1	7,327	1,031
1999	43	7	21	0	8,179	1,075
2000	38	4	27	0	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	3	0	1	0	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	6	2	3	0	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Terrace Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Sep '98	9.1	11.6	15.1	7.1	4.3
	Dec '98	8.9	10.9	14.2	7.3	3.9
	Mar '99	8.9	10.9	14.5	7.2	3.9
	Jun '99	9.0	11.1	13.9	7.3	3.9
	Sep '99	8.5	10.7	13.0	6.8	3.9
	Dec '99	8.6	10.6	13.0	7.0	3.9
	Mar '00	8.7	10.8	13.2	7.2	3.9
	Jun '00	8.9	11.3	13.8	7.1	3.9
	Sep '00	8.4	11.0	12.9	6.5	3.9
	Dec '00	8.3	10.4	12.9	6.6	3.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

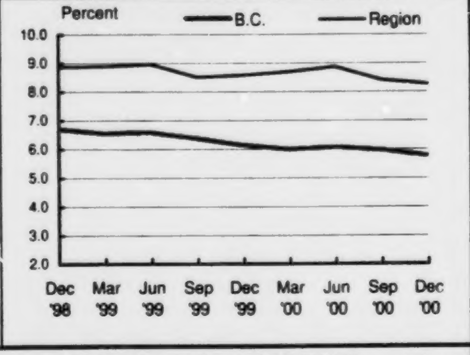
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.3	3.8	4.6	3.2	Sep '98
6.8	6.5	7.2	4.6	Dec '98
7.6	7.4	8.1	4.6	Mar '99
4.7	4.1	5.1	2.8	Jun '99
4.2	3.3	4.7	2.4	Sep '99
5.3	4.4	5.8	3.5	Dec '99
5.7	4.7	6.1	3.9	Mar '00
3.3	2.8	3.7	2.1	Jun '00
3.1	2.6	3.4	2.3	Sep '00

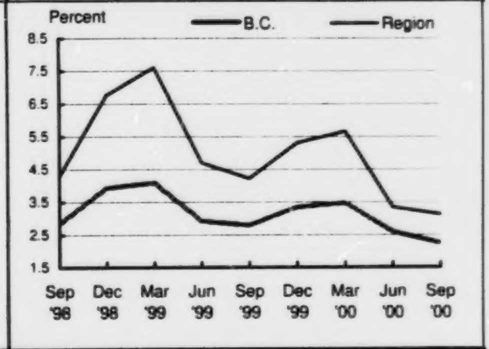
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,053	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.3	41.2
1-2 Years	17.6	17.8
>2 Years	35.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

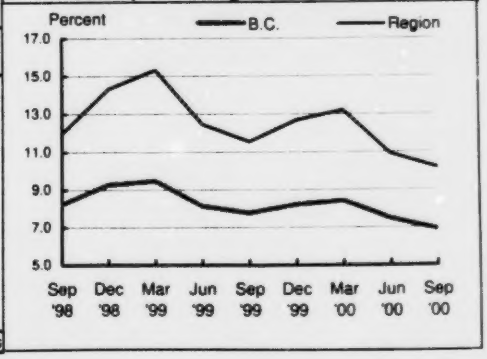
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Sep '98	12.0	18.4	11.5	7.5
	Dec '98	14.3	20.1	14.1	9.1
	Mar '99	15.3	21.6	15.1	9.3
	Jun '99	12.5	17.8	12.3	7.6
	Sep '99	11.5	16.2	11.4	7.1
	Dec '99	12.7	17.1	12.6	8.2
	Mar '00	13.2	17.6	13.2	8.5
	Jun '00	10.9	16.4	10.6	6.5
	Sep '00	10.2	15.4	9.7	6.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio for this region is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. This is likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. The median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children and far fewer elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This region is expected to experience moderate growth throughout the projection period from a combination of positive natural increase (excess of births over deaths) and positive net migration and there may be some bursts of growth as large projects such as a new smelter or mine come on line.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

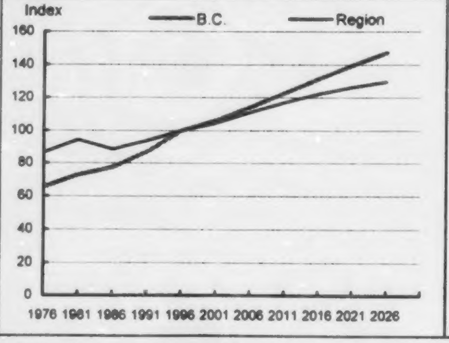
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	11.7	5.5	11.8	5.0	1.0	39.2	10.4	0.713	0.045	0.759	1976
1981	4.3	11.3	6.5	14.0	5.6	1.1	42.8	12.5	0.598	0.043	0.642	1981
1986	3.9	10.0	5.0	13.7	6.3	1.5	40.3	12.5	0.555	0.060	0.615	1986
1991	4.0	9.9	4.7	14.6	7.4	2.0	42.6	13.7	0.518	0.074	0.591	1991
1996	3.7	10.2	4.8	15.3	8.7	2.6	45.5	15.0	0.485	0.092	0.576	1996
2001	3.3	10.3	5.0	15.1	10.4	3.4	47.4	16.1	0.446	0.111	0.557	2001
2006	3.3	9.8	5.4	15.1	12.7	4.2	50.4	18.2	0.393	0.125	0.518	2006
2011	3.4	9.1	5.5	15.3	14.3	5.4	53.1	20.2	0.354	0.154	0.508	2011
2016	3.5	8.8	5.2	15.8	15.1	7.0	55.5	22.1	0.340	0.194	0.534	2016
2021	3.4	9.0	4.6	16.4	15.2	8.8	57.4	23.4	0.343	0.242	0.585	2021
2026	3.4	9.1	4.6	16.1	15.1	10.6	58.9	24.4	0.349	0.296	0.645	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

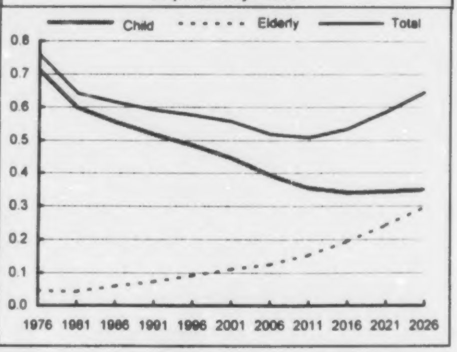
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

QRS

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fruitvale, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, Montrose, Rossland, Trail, Warfield

The Cominco Smelter at Trail is the main economic driver for this region. Most of the people working in the Trail area are either directly employed by Cominco, or work in a job providing goods and services that is directly or indirectly dependent on Cominco. In the Grand Forks and Kettle Valley areas, forestry is the main economic driver.

There are major hydro-electric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost the employment base for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit to begin in 2000. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway and the Brilliant dam is set to be upgraded and expanded as well.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 **New!**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay-Boundary							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	698	1,119	63	36	6	1,224	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	83	91	6	2	0	99	8.1%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	4	6	0	0	0	6	0.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	1	5	0.4%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	124	103	8	3	0	114	9.3%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	30	58	4	5	1	68	5.6%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	31	36	3	1	0	40	3.3%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	85	167	9	4	0	180	14.7%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	26	53	3	0	0	56	4.6%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	14	0	0	0	14	1.1%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	22	22	2	1	1	26	2.1%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	97	42	0	0	1	43	3.5%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	45	73	4	0	0	77	6.3%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	20	12	0	0	0	12	1.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	28	36	0	1	0	37	3.0%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	3	12	1	2	1	16	1.3%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	7	111	7	10	1	129	10.5%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7	32	0	2	0	34	2.8%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	33	108	9	3	0	120	9.8%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	46	123	2	0	0	125	10.2%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		17	4	2	0	23	1.9%	0.5%	850

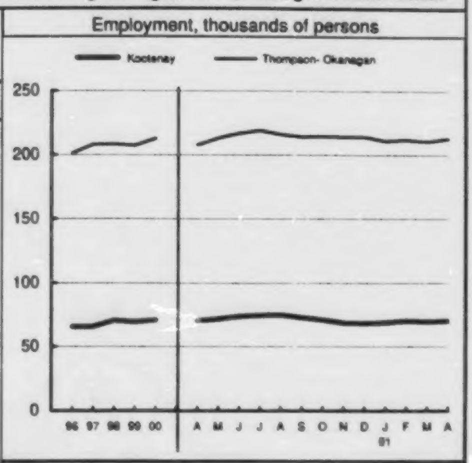
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

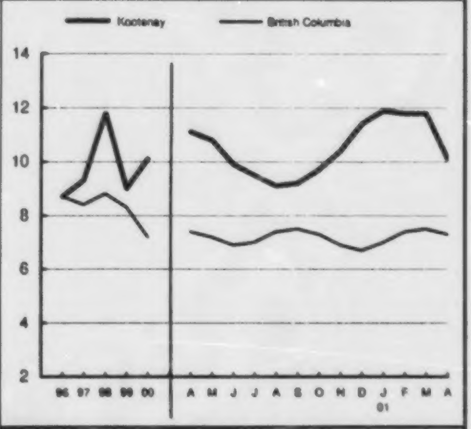
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	67.4	9.6	204.1	9.0	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	68.5	10.1	204.9	9.5	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	69.6	10.1	206.0	10.3	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	70.5	11.1	207.6	11.4	1,919.7	7.4
May	71.8	10.8	212.8	10.9	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	73.7	9.9	216.7	9.8	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	74.7	9.5	219.0	8.4	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	74.8	9.1	215.8	8.5	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	72.8	9.2	214.1	8.6	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	71.0	9.7	214.2	8.4	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	68.7	10.4	213.9	8.1	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	68.5	11.4	213.9	8.0	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	68.8	11.9	210.9	9.1	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	70.2	11.8	211.7	9.5	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	69.6	11.8	210.5	9.6	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	70.2	10.1	212.6	9.1	1,936.5	7.3
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:					year-to-dat	
Jan-Apr00	70.2	10.5	206.8	10.6	1,913.9	7.5
Jan-Apr01	70.1	10.9	211.3	9.5	1,927.6	7.5
% Change	0.0		2.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



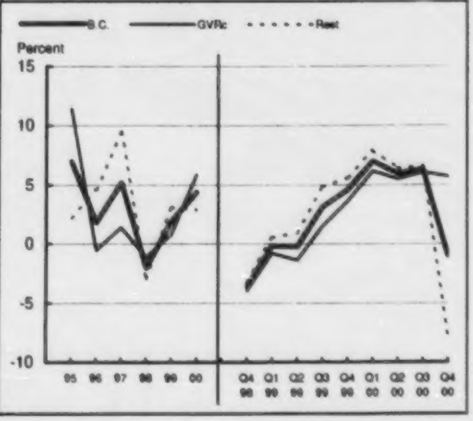
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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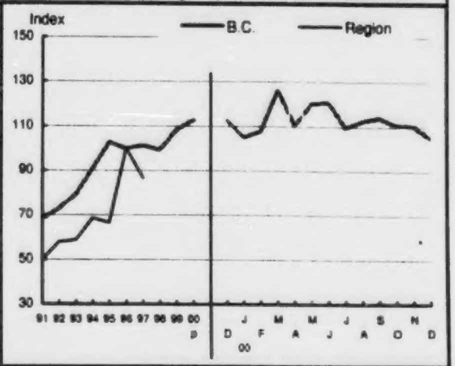
Regional District

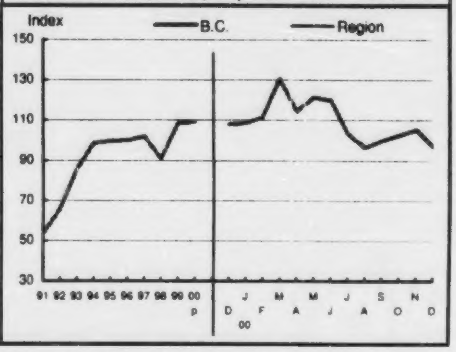
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	6	6	6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	2	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	19	19	22	20
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	219.1	176.0	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	143.2	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	359.4	420.0	406.8	611.9	530.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	991	728	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	453	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,043	3,139	2,826	2,889	2,888
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	42.2	34.4	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	22.3	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	137.2	145.1	141.9	148.6	166.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

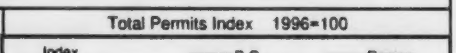


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	46.8	16.0	0.5	4.0	11.6	30.8	396
1994	38.1	10.5	1.9	7.7	0.9	27.6	269
1995	36.2	19.0	11.8	3.9	3.4	17.2	147
1996	34.8	17.5	6.4	10.2	0.8	17.3	162
1997	41.0	18.0	5.4	10.3	2.4	23.0	220
1998	35.5	11.4	1.8	7.9	1.7	24.1	185
1999	50.4	25.2	12.3	7.2	5.8	25.2	233
2000	60.0	30.8	19.2	10.0	1.6	29.2	189
Mar '00	20.9	19.5	18.8	0.5	0.2	1.4	12
Mar '01	10.3	8.9	3.2	0.4	5.3	1.4	9

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

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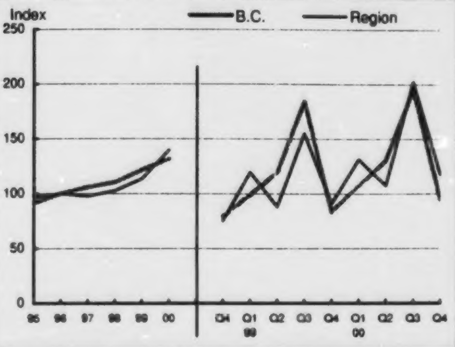
Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	1996	4,441.8	1,129.9	967.5	1,477.2	867.2
	1997	4,334.1	1,186.5	904.8	1,409.4	833.5
	1998	4,560.5	1,179.0	983.6	1,562.2	835.8
	1999	5,029.8	1,327.6	976.1	1,717.7	1,008.4
	2000	6,203.0	1,458.3	1,192.8	2,243.9	1,307.9
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Kootenay-B'ndary 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	6,203.0	100.0%
Hotels	2,044.7	33.0%
Motels	3,827.0	61.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100



Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

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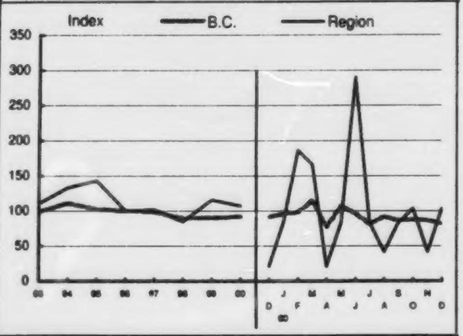
Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	64
1994	77
1995	83
1996	58
1997	59
1998	49
1999	67
2000	62
Jan-Dec 99	67
Jan-Dec 00	62

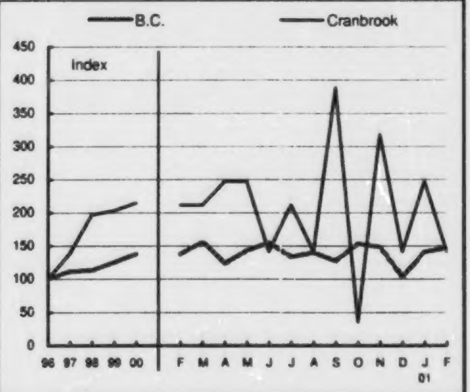
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



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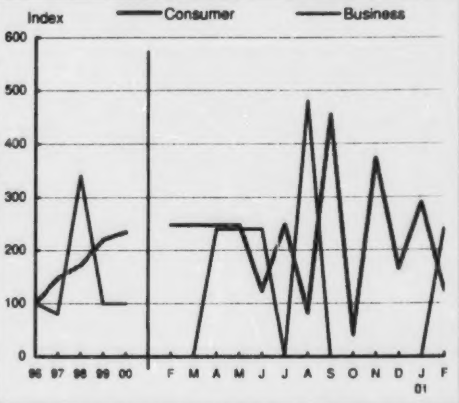
Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	29	5	472	99	6,436	948
1997	43	4	646	120	7,366	895
1998	50	17	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	64	5	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	68	5	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	14	0	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	10	1	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Sep '98	7.0	10.0	9.1	6.0	3.7
	Dec '98	6.9	9.2	9.3	6.2	3.3
	Mar '99	7.0	9.8	8.2	6.3	3.5
	Jun '99	6.6	9.4	7.0	5.9	3.5
	Sep '99	6.6	9.5	6.7	5.8	3.5
	Dec '99	6.4	8.8	7.7	5.7	3.5
	Mar '00	6.7	9.3	8.1	6.1	3.5
	Jun '00	6.9	9.8	7.4	6.0	3.5
	Sep '00	6.5	9.1	7.4	5.6	3.5
	Dec '00	6.2	8.4	7.2	5.4	3.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

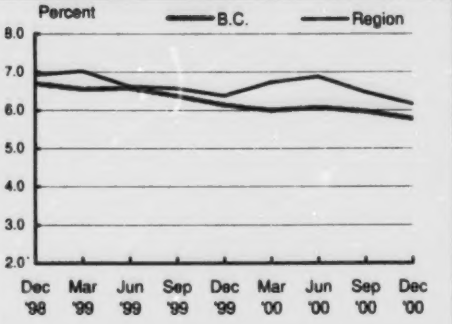
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.8	3.2	3.1	1.2	Sep '98
4.2	5.9	4.5	1.7	Dec '98
4.8	6.6	5.2	1.9	Mar '99
3.1	3.7	3.4	1.6	Jun '99
2.9	3.2	3.2	1.4	Sep '99
4.3	6.0	4.8	1.2	Dec '99
4.7	6.2	5.3	1.3	Mar '00
3.0	3.1	3.5	1.3	Jun '00
2.3	2.7	2.5	1.4	Sep '00

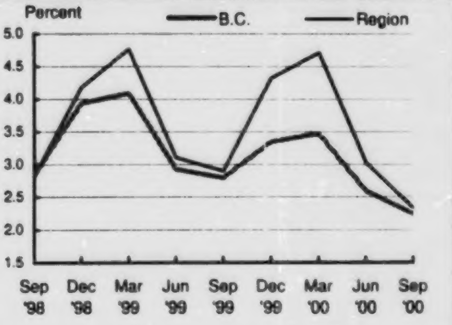
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,736	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.7	41.2
1-2 Years	18.0	17.8
>2 Years	39.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

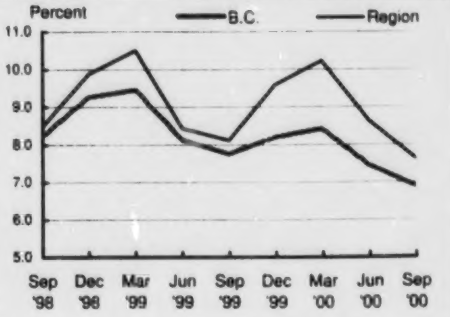
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Sep '98	8.5	12.0	9.0	4.2
	Dec '98	9.9	14.7	10.5	4.7
	Mar '99	10.5	14.6	11.3	4.8
	Jun '99	8.4	10.4	9.2	4.4
	Sep '99	8.1	9.8	8.9	4.1
	Dec '99	9.6	13.5	10.4	4.1
	Mar '00	10.2	13.9	11.2	4.0
	Jun '00	8.6	10.4	9.4	4.4
	Sep '00	7.6	10.0	8.0	4.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is significantly older than the provincial median. As a result, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. However, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population is also higher than the provincial ratio. This age structure is likely the result of layoffs in the resource sectors and at Cominco, that have forced those young workers with less seniority to move elsewhere to find jobs. Those left behind are generally older and more likely to have families.

14 Projection

The construction activity associated with the dam upgrading and expansion should provide a boost in migration to this region, although following the period of construction, there could be an outflow as the construction force moves on. This region is expected to receive small net inflows of migrants over the projection period and this will lead to slow, steady population growth, although near the end of the projection the losses due to a negative natural increase (i.e., deaths outnumbering births) may outweigh inflows of migrants and there could be a slight population decline.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

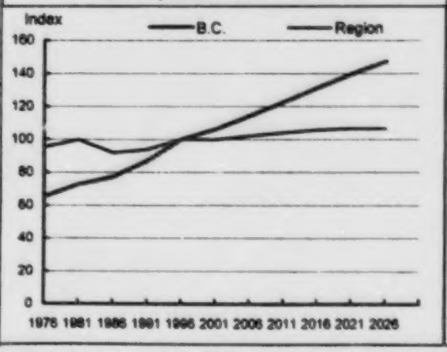
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.2	7.5	4.2	7.8	7.5	3.3	32.5	10.9	0.500	0.170	0.670	1976
1981	2.3	6.8	4.4	9.2	7.2	4.2	34.1	12.4	0.436	0.200	0.637	1981
1986	2.2	5.8	2.8	9.0	6.8	4.7	31.4	12.0	0.431	0.250	0.681	1986
1991	2.0	5.9	2.5	9.7	6.7	5.2	32.0	12.6	0.417	0.275	0.692	1991
1996	1.8	6.3	2.4	9.7	8.1	5.7	34.1	13.8	0.404	0.281	0.686	1996
2001	1.4	5.7	3.2	8.4	9.2	6.2	34.1	14.1	0.347	0.298	0.644	2001
2006	1.5	4.9	3.4	7.9	10.6	6.5	34.7	15.2	0.292	0.298	0.590	2006
2011	1.7	4.4	3.0	8.3	11.3	6.8	35.5	16.3	0.270	0.303	0.573	2011
2016	1.8	4.5	2.6	8.9	10.6	7.8	36.1	17.0	0.282	0.353	0.635	2016
2021	1.6	4.7	2.2	9.3	9.5	9.0	36.4	17.4	0.304	0.431	0.735	2021
2026	1.5	4.7	2.3	8.7	8.9	10.2	36.4	17.7	0.314	0.510	0.824	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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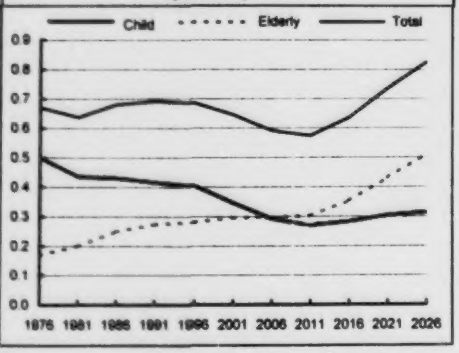


Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Mount Waddington
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill

Forestry is by far the most important economic activity in this region, although fishing and tourism also play significant roles. The forest sector is dominated by logging activity, and also the pulp mill at Port Alice.

Developments in the resource sectors will likely determine the amount and direction of population growth in this area. The downturn in the forest sector, reductions to the commercial fishing fleet and downsizing by the Federal government have hurt this region and out-migration has resulted.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mount Waddington							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	360	571	39	17	3	630	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	93	104	11	7	1	123	19.5%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.		1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities		1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	44	56	2	0	0	58	9.2%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	20	29	2	1	1	33	5.2%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	20	27	1	0	0	28	4.4%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	30	69	5	2	0	76	12.1%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	22	51	0	0	0	51	8.1%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1	5	0	0	0	5	0.8%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	9	7	1	0	0	8	1.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	30	10	0	1	0	11	1.7%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	19	29	0	0	0	29	4.6%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	17	6	0	0	0	6	1.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	11	22	0	0	0	22	3.5%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services		1	0	0	1	2	0.3%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance		29	3	1	0	33	5.2%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	5	16	0	0	0	16	2.5%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	17	60	10	2	0	72	11.4%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	21	40	0	2	0	42	6.7%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	1	8	4	1	0	13	2.1%	0.5%	850

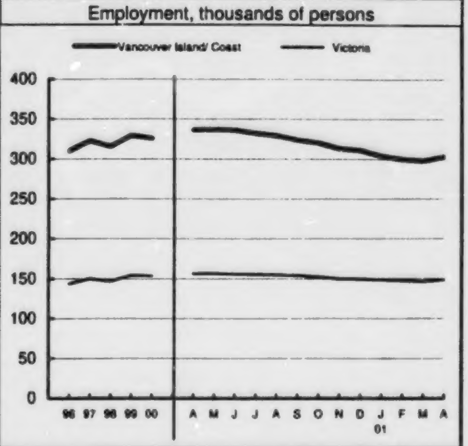
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Mount Waddington
Regional District

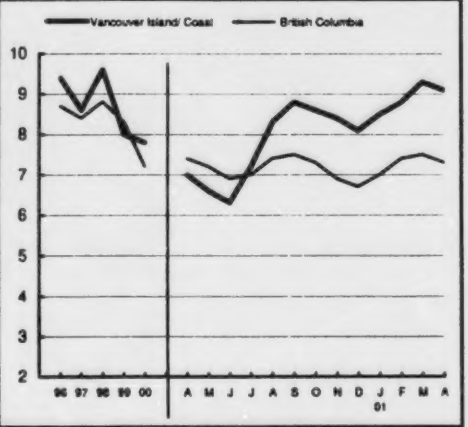
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991			134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	333.4	7.5	155.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	299.8	9.2	147.0	5.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	-10.1		-5.3		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



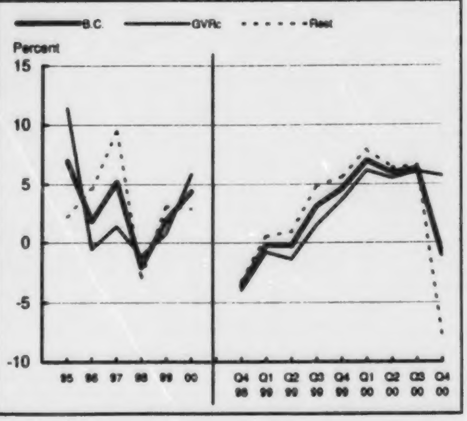
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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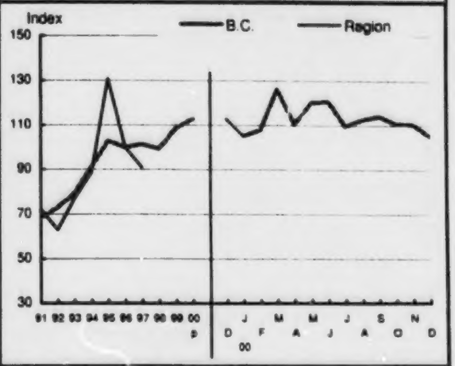
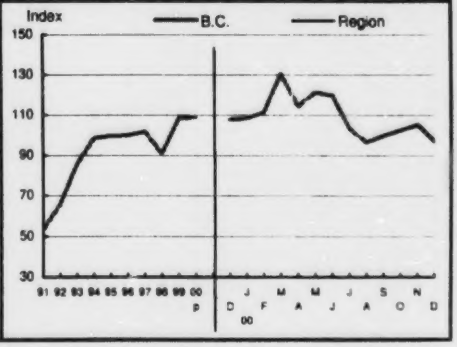
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	4	4
25	Wood	1	1	2	4	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	2	1	3	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	10	15	19	18
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	33.2
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	210.9	242.5	358.2	274.2	248.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	196
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	900	1,024	1,057	1,045	1,095
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	5.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42.7	45.7	54.4	52.9	60.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

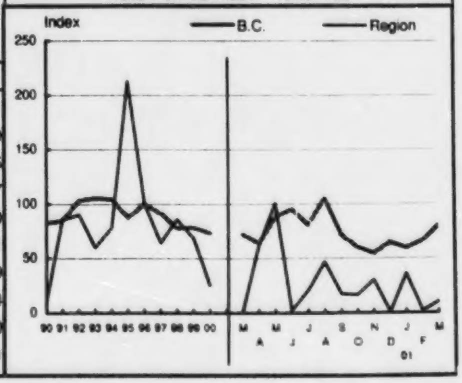


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	5.6	1.8	0.3	0.9	0.6	3.8	41
1994	7.3	2.2	0.4	1.2	0.6	5.1	50
1995	19.9	12.1	0.5	2.2	9.4	7.8	65
1996	9.3	2.1	0.6	1.3	0.2	7.2	67
1997	6.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	0.0	4.1	30
1998	8.0	5.2	0.4	2.2	2.6	2.8	21
1999	6.4	4.7	1.5	1.1	2.2	1.7	9
2000	2.4	1.3	0.2	1.1	0.0	1.0	4
Mar '00	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Mar '01	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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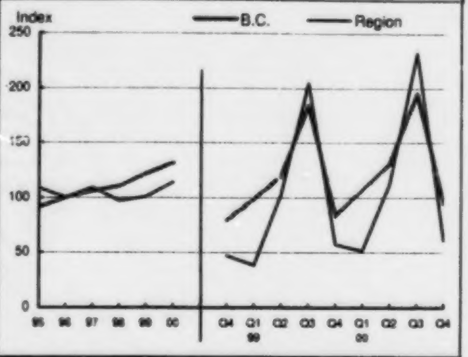
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mt. Waddington Regional District	1996	4,574.7	582.1	1,148.5	2,294.2	549.9
	1997	4,993.9	536.0	1,302.2	2,517.1	638.7
	1998	4,432.5	536.1	1,132.5	2,227.2	536.8
	1999	4,607.0	435.8	1,173.3	2,339.8	658.0
	2000	5,221.9	589.3	1,279.3	2,654.5	698.8
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Mt. Waddington 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	5,221.9	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

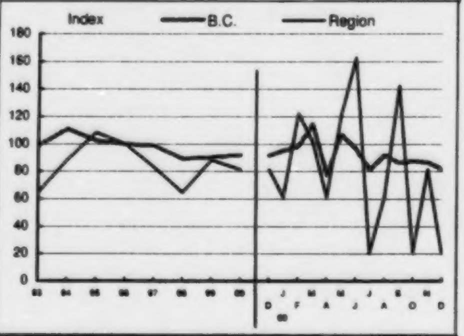


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	38
1994	52
1995	64
1996	59
1997	49
1998	38
1999	52
2000	48
Jan-Dec 99	52
Jan-Dec 00	48

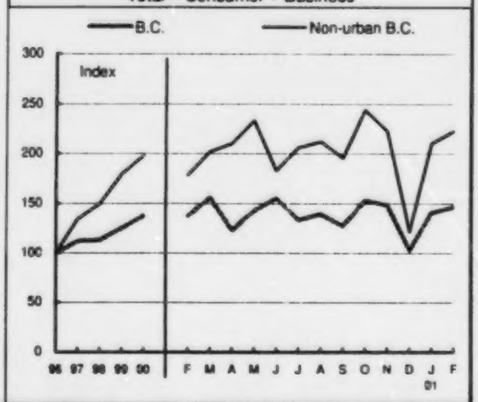
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



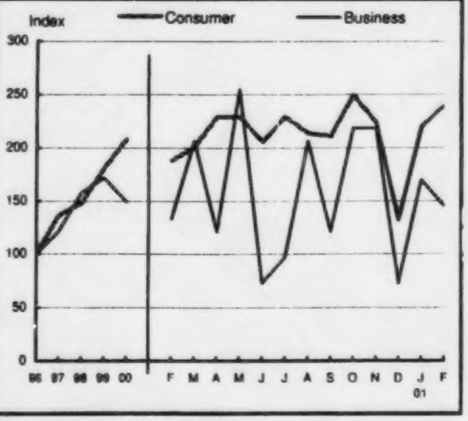
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	472	99	6,436	948
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '98	5.7	7.7	9.4	4.5	3.0
	Dec '98	6.1	8.2	10.3	4.8	2.9
	Mar '99	6.8	9.2	11.9	5.1	3.5
	Jun '99	5.9	8.4	9.6	4.4	3.5
	Sep '99	4.9	6.6	7.6	3.8	3.5
	Dec '99	4.7	6.5	6.3	3.7	3.5
	Mar '00	4.5	5.6	6.7	3.8	3.5
	Jun '00	4.1	5.6	5.2	3.4	3.5
	Sep '00	4.2	5.5	6.3	3.3	3.5
	Dec '00	4.5	5.8	8.6	3.4	3.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

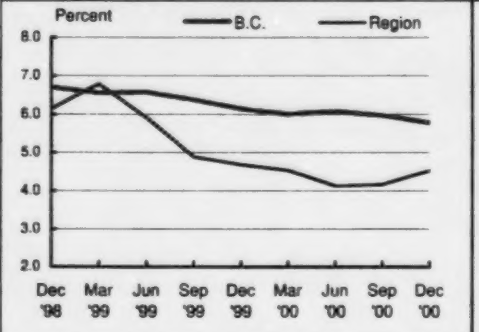
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.4	6.4	4.5	2.4	Sep '98
10.1	9.4	10.6	7.7	Dec '98
8.1	7.4	8.7	5.5	Mar '99
3.4	3.1	3.7	1.7	Jun '99
3.3	2.6	3.6	2.3	Sep '99
5.3	3.9	5.8	3.8	Dec '99
5.4	4.7	5.7	4.5	Mar '00
3.2	5.2	3.1	2.1	Jun '00
3.1	3.1	3.2	2.8	Sep '00

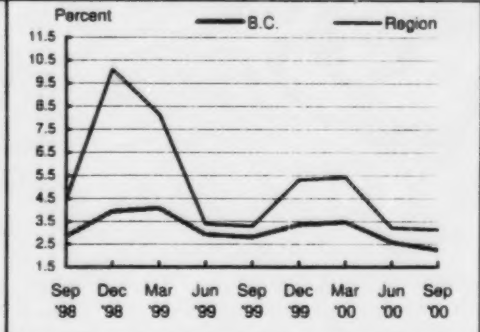
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	578	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	64.6	41.2
1-2 Years	15.1	17.8
>2 Years	20.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

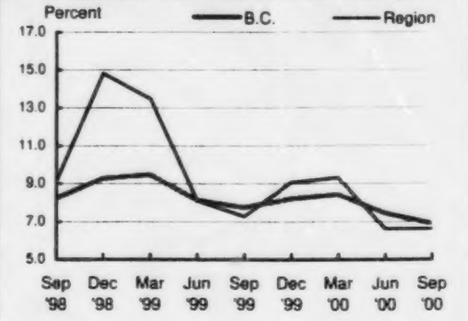
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Sep '98	9.1	15.4	8.8	4.9
	Dec '98	14.8	19.1	14.9	10.6
	Mar '99	13.5	18.7	13.5	8.6
	Jun '99	8.1	12.4	8.1	4.5
	Sep '99	7.3	10.1	7.3	4.9
	Dec '99	9.0	9.9	9.4	6.3
	Mar '00	9.3	10.9	9.3	7.7
	Jun '00	6.6	10.3	6.3	4.8
	Sep '00	6.6	9.4	6.4	5.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors is the reason for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, where there are more females than males. Since women tend to live longer than men, this partially explains the substantially younger median age at death compared to the province as a whole.

The median age of the population is also substantially younger than the provincial median and this is reflected in the child and elderly dependency ratios. The child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the provincial ratio, while the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is substantially lower than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The long-term outlook for this region is for consistent net migration outflows. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will offset the migration outflows for part of the projection period, but as the population ages and the natural increase declines, there will be some population decline.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

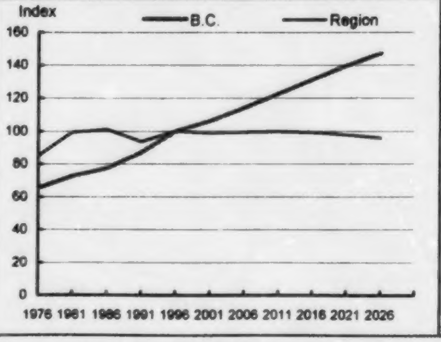
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.4	3.3	1.9	4.4	1.6	0.3	12.9	3.6	0.594	0.041	0.635	1976
1981	1.7	3.4	2.3	5.6	1.8	0.3	15.1	4.8	0.527	0.034	0.561	1981
1986	1.6	3.5	1.8	6.0	2.1	0.4	15.4	5.1	0.513	0.040	0.553	1986
1991	1.3	3.3	1.3	5.4	2.5	0.5	14.2	4.9	0.502	0.053	0.554	1991
1996	1.2	3.4	1.4	5.4	3.2	0.6	15.2	5.5	0.460	0.061	0.521	1996
2001	1.1	3.1	1.4	5.1	3.7	0.7	15.0	5.6	0.416	0.074	0.489	2001
2006	1.1	2.8	1.2	5.2	4.0	0.8	15.1	5.9	0.370	0.077	0.447	2006
2011	1.0	2.7	0.9	5.4	4.1	1.1	15.2	6.1	0.359	0.106	0.464	2011
2016	0.9	2.6	0.9	5.2	4.1	1.4	15.1	6.3	0.342	0.141	0.483	2016
2021	0.9	2.4	0.8	5.0	4.0	1.8	14.9	6.5	0.333	0.185	0.518	2021
2026	0.8	2.2	0.7	4.7	4.1	2.0	14.6	6.6	0.325	0.209	0.534	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

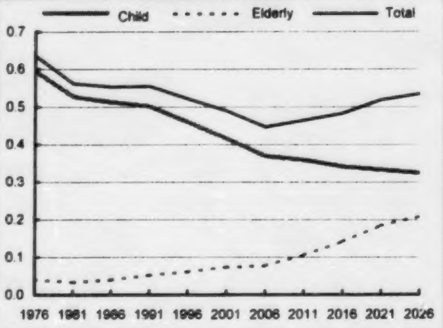
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Nanaimo
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach

Forestry is the primary economic driver in this region. The forest sector includes logging, lumber milling, veneer production, and pulp manufacturing. In addition to forestry, the service sector is an important segment of the economy. The City of Nanaimo is the main service and distribution centre for central Vancouver Island. The Qualicum area is a growing retirement centre, which also drives the service sector.

This region is currently experiencing a great deal of residential construction, with developments underway in Nanaimo and Parksville in particular. This is a reflection of the strong population growth experienced recently in this region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nanaimo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,884	4,032	287	110	16	4,445	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	225	189	16	7	0	212	4.8%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	11	15	0	0	0	15	0.3%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	3	2	0	0	0	2	0.0%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	880	558	26	2	1	587	13.2%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	145	188	16	10	2	216	4.9%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	157	202	11	2	0	215	4.8%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	317	561	36	19	1	617	13.9%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	192	167	13	3	0	183	4.1%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	24	33	8	0	1	42	0.9%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	196	107	11	2	2	122	2.7%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	549	148	14	3	0	165	3.7%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	392	424	15	2	1	442	9.9%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	148	63	1	3	0	67	1.5%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	151	183	14	8	1	206	4.6%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	24	29	2	0	3	34	0.8%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	38	440	25	15	3	483	10.9%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	58	68	8	4	0	80	1.8%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	138	300	57	27	0	384	8.6%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	236	340	12	0	0	352	7.9%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		15	2	3	1	21	0.5%	0.5%	850

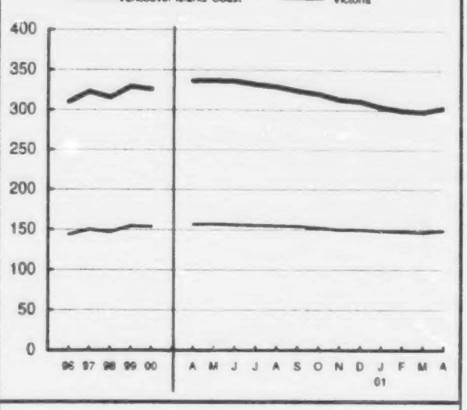
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Nanaimo
Regional District

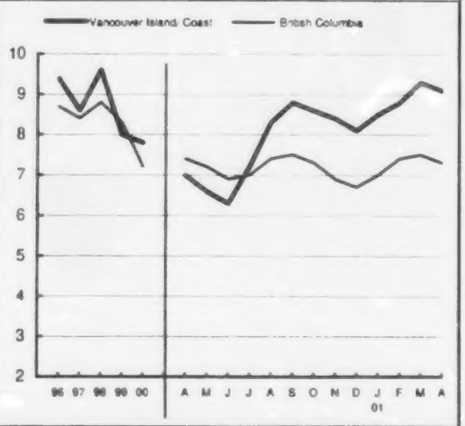
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast Emp ('000)	Vancouver Island/ Coast Unemp %	Victoria Emp. ('000)	Victoria Unemp %	British Columbia Emp ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1991				134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
1992				133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
1993				138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
1995		309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
1996		309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997		322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
1998		315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
1999		329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
2000		325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	333.4	7.5	155.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	299.8	9.2	147.0	5.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	-10.1		-5.3		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



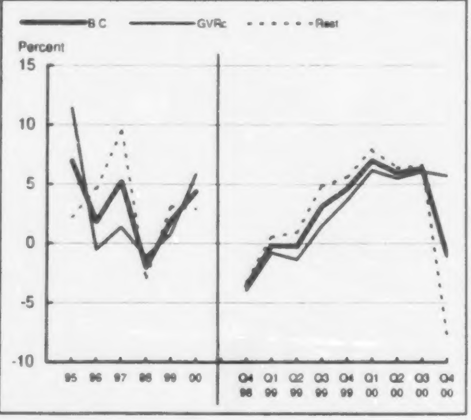
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
Quarterly data	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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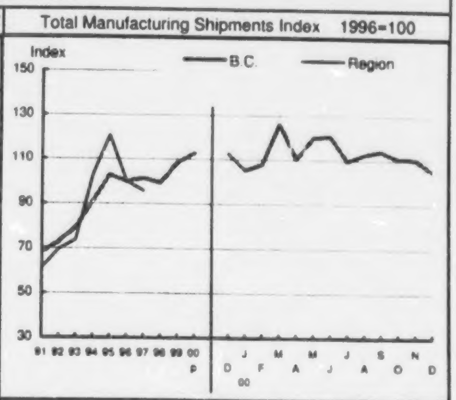
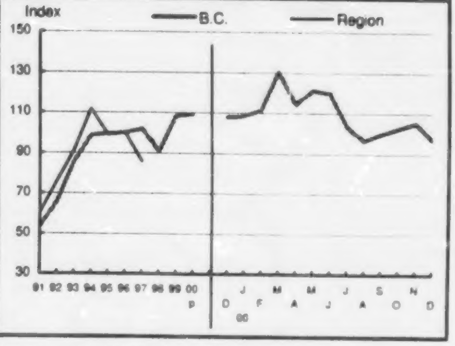
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	2	3	3	4	4
25	Wood	17	17	18	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	5	6	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	11	9	11	14	13
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	65	65	76	95	90
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	10.8	14.4
25	Wood	343.4	420.3	372.8	376.4	323.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	360.5	326.5	330.7	271.5
30	Metal Fabricating	7.5	9.7	**	13.6	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	533.1	742.9	870.6	722.7	692.5
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	97	137
25	Wood	1,021	1,235	896	998	1,040
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	926	677	789	777
30	Metal Fabricating	94	119	**	136	153
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,493	2,831	2,659	2,726	3,022
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	2.9	3.9
25	Wood	46.9	57.8	43.1	54.8	54.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	46.3	35.3	46.7	43.6
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.8	**	4.4	5.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	106.4	126.3	122.6	132.2	148.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

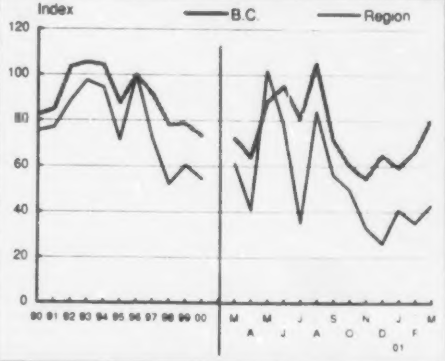


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	248.1	39.0	2.9	29.0	7.1	209.1	2,144
1994	240.1	50.5	1.9	38.7	9.9	189.6	1,603
1995	181.7	50.8	12.8	20.0	18.1	130.9	968
1996	254.2	67.5	1.7	57.1	8.7	186.8	1,720
1997	182.3	52.7	2.6	37.7	12.4	129.6	1,008
1998	132.7	51.1	6.8	23.4	20.9	81.6	720
1999	153.8	61.0	4.3	43.2	13.4	92.7	704
2000	138.5	67.7	2.7	38.6	26.4	70.8	502
Mar '00	31.5	13.0	0.6	9.4	3.0	18.4	138
Mar '01	25.1	8.8	0.4	6.2	2.2	16.3	113

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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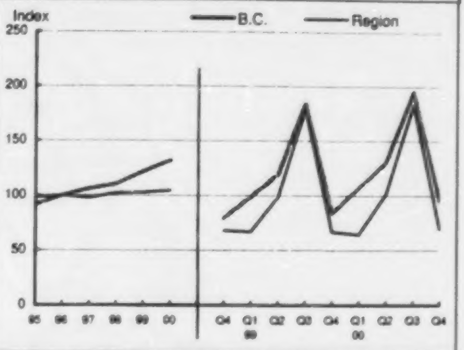
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nanaimo Regional District	1996	28,075.3	4,057.4	6,915.6	12,411.2	4,691.1
	1997	27,408.6	4,150.2	6,830.7	11,864.6	4,563.0
	1998	28,622.2	4,351.9	6,808.9	12,687.9	4,773.5
	1999	28,806.7	4,690.1	6,903.3	12,545.5	4,667.8
	2000	29,338.6	4,505.2	7,102.3	12,863.1	4,868.0
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Nanaimo 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,338.6	100.0%
Hotels	14,540.1	49.6%
76+ Rooms	10,202.8	34.8%
1-75 Rooms	4,337.3	14.8%
Motels	6,677.1	22.8%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

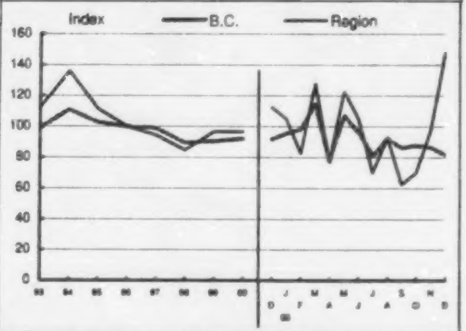


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	539
1994	652
1995	534
1996	480
1997	452
1998	406
1999	464
2000	464
Jan-Dec 99	464
Jan-Dec 00	464

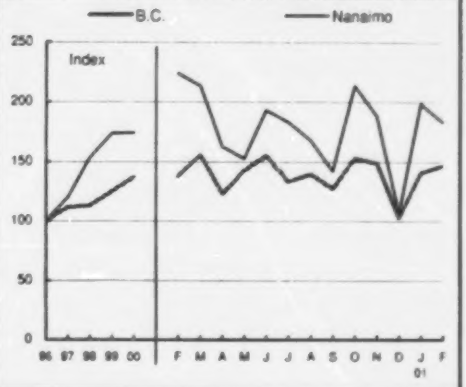
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



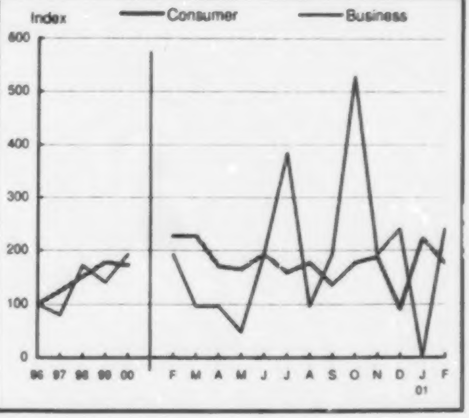
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Nanaimo		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	211	25	472	99	6,436	948
1997	263	20	646	120	7,366	895
1998	319	43	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	375	35	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	363	46	983	146	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	67	5	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	70	5	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Nanaimo Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

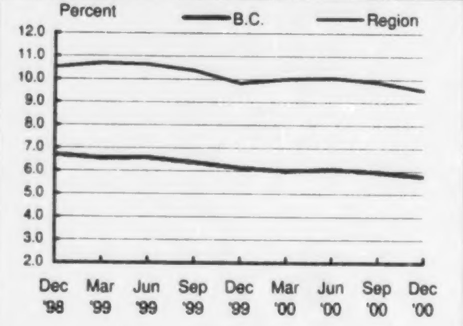
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Sep '98	11.0	15.6	15.9	9.5	4.7
	Dec '98	10.5	14.4	15.4	9.3	4.4
	Mar '99	10.7	14.6	15.6	9.6	4.3
	Jun '99	10.7	14.7	15.7	9.4	4.3
	Sep '99	10.4	14.5	15.0	9.1	4.3
	Dec '99	9.8	13.5	14.2	8.7	4.3
	Mar '00	10.0	13.7	14.7	8.8	4.3
	Jun '00	10.1	14.0	14.6	8.8	4.3
	Sep '00	9.9	13.7	14.5	8.6	4.3
	Dec '00	9.5	13.1	14.1	8.3	4.3

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	10,413	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.1	41.2
1-2 Years	18.2	17.8
>2 Years	39.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



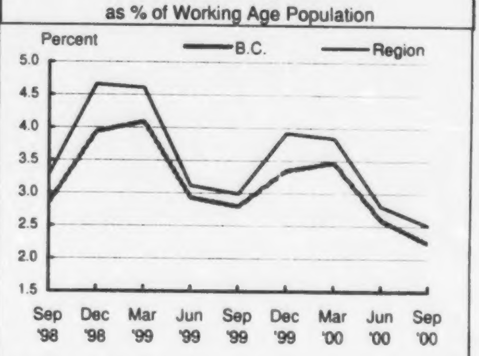
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.3	3.2	3.7	1.7	Sep '98
4.7	4.2	5.3	2.3	Dec '98
4.6	4.3	5.2	2.3	Mar '99
3.1	3.1	3.5	1.4	Jun '99
3.0	2.8	3.4	1.4	Sep '99
3.9	3.6	4.4	2.2	Dec '99
3.8	3.5	4.3	2.0	Mar '00
2.8	2.6	3.2	1.5	Jun '00
2.5	2.3	2.8	1.5	Sep '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

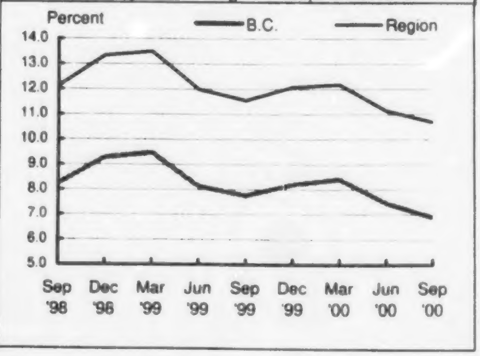
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Sep '98	12.1	18.5	12.9	4.8
	Dec '98	13.3	18.9	14.3	5.7
	Mar '99	13.5	19.2	14.5	5.6
	Jun '99	12.0	18.2	12.7	4.9
	Sep '99	11.6	17.3	12.3	4.8
	Dec '99	12.1	17.2	12.8	5.6
	Mar '00	12.2	17.7	12.9	5.6
	Jun '00	11.2	16.9	11.7	5.0
	Sep '00	10.7	16.2	11.2	4.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Although net migration to this region declined in the mid-eighties and late-nineties during the downturns in the forest sector, it remained positive. This is likely due to the strong service sector in Nanaimo. The large amount of service sector jobs, combined with the substantial amount of retirees in the Qualicum area (i.e., since women tend to live longer than men), are likely the reasons why there is a gender bias in favour of females, unlike neighbouring regions that are more dependent on the forest sector and the male-dominated jobs within that sector. The retirement base is the reason why the median age of the region's population is significantly higher than the provincial median.

14 Projection

Nanaimo's role as service centre for the central Island and the growing retirement base in the region should ensure that it continues to experience strong growth. It is projected that recent strong, positive net migration will persist in this area and it will continue to expand rapidly, growing in population by about 65 per cent over the next 25 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

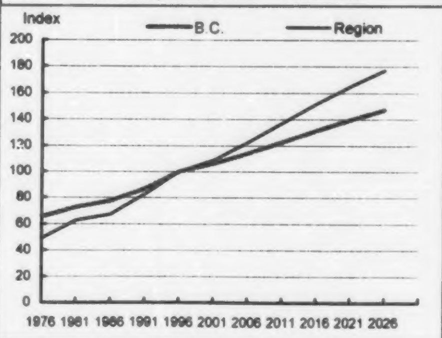
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.1	13.7	7.9	15.5	13.9	6.9	61.9	21.5	0.477	0.185	0.661	1976
1981	5.5	15.0	9.6	23.0	16.6	9.5	79.1	29.5	0.416	0.194	0.610	1981
1986	5.7	15.0	8.1	25.3	18.0	12.9	85.0	33.4	0.403	0.250	0.653	1986
1991	6.6	17.6	8.5	31.7	22.4	17.4	104.3	41.3	0.388	0.277	0.666	1991
1996	7.3	21.4	10.2	37.0	29.3	21.3	126.5	50.6	0.376	0.279	0.655	1996
2001	6.4	22.3	11.6	37.2	35.5	24.5	137.6	57.0	0.340	0.290	0.630	2001
2006	7.3	22.3	13.5	40.1	43.7	27.9	154.7	65.9	0.304	0.286	0.591	2006
2011	8.4	22.9	14.3	44.8	50.8	32.1	173.4	75.7	0.285	0.292	0.577	2011
2016	9.4	24.9	14.4	50.0	54.8	38.3	191.7	84.8	0.287	0.322	0.609	2016
2021	9.9	27.4	14.2	54.1	57.6	45.4	208.6	92.2	0.297	0.361	0.658	2021
2026	10.3	29.5	15.4	55.6	60.6	52.6	224.0	99.2	0.302	0.400	0.702	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

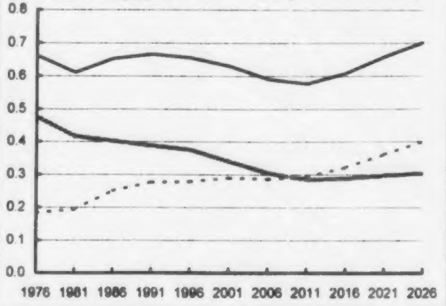
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

North Okanagan
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby, Lumby, Spallumcheen, Vernon

The economy of this region is fairly diversified. Forestry, agriculture and tourism all play important roles. The climate in this area is an attraction for tourists, as well as providing a suitable environment for agriculture. The stability of the agricultural sector has resulted in stable growth patterns for this region.

This region has been experiencing spin-off growth from the Central Okanagan, and as growth eases there, so too should growth in the North Okanagan.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,449	2,874	227	71	8	3,180	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	292	333	15	3	1	352	11.1%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	13	13	0	0	0	13	0.4%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	4	5	1	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	460	390	17	3	0	410	12.9%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	102	144	31	16	2	193	6.1%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	127	134	8	1	0	143	4.5%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	208	339	30	11	0	380	11.9%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	117	142	3	4	0	149	4.7%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	13	19	2	0	0	21	0.7%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	140	77	11	2	0	90	2.8%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	331	132	5	1	0	138	4.3%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	188	204	7	2	0	213	6.7%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	78	74	7	4	0	85	2.7%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	83	120	7	1	0	128	4.0%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	10	22	1	2	1	26	0.8%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	21	250	22	8	2	282	8.9%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27	46	6	1	1	54	1.7%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	74	159	46	9	1	215	6.8%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	160	246	5	0	0	251	7.9%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	1	25	3	3	0	31	1.0%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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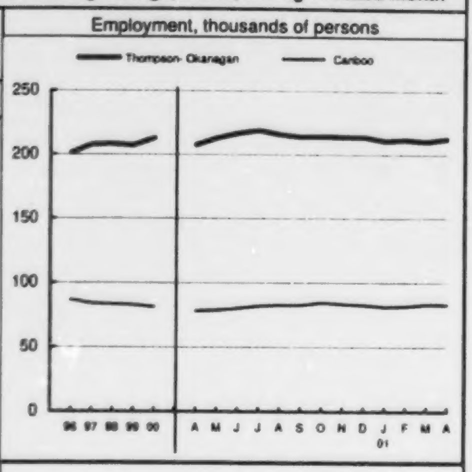
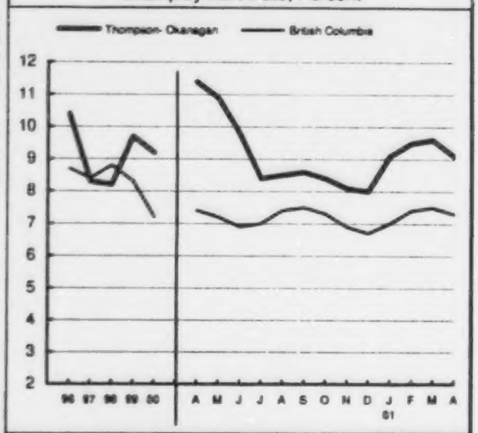
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	206.8	10.8	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	211.3	9.5	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	2.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



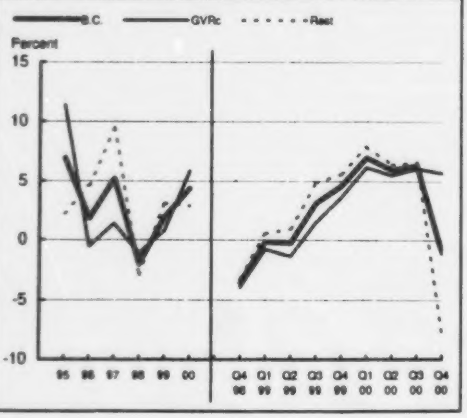
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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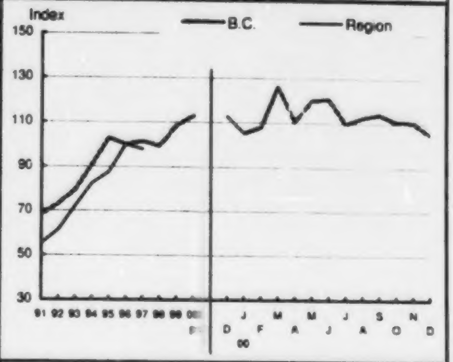
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	12	12	12	11	12
25	Wood	19	19	16	23	23
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	9	8	11	13
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	10	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	80	82	86	91	88
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.5	101.8	106.2	187.4	129.5
25	Wood	267.0	339.1	365.8	338.6	356.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	175.9	219.4	234.3	210.6	233.1
30	Metal Fabricating	12.6	18.2	19.8	27.4	27.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	521.0	595.5	633.8	724.1	708.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	439	449	386	381	374
25	Wood	1,217	1,613	1,318	1,394	1,511
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	753	1,073	814	900	950
30	Metal Fabricating	112	138	142	153	143
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,929	3,375	2,942	3,199	3,350
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	14.2	14.5	16.5	17.4	12.3
25	Wood	52.6	67.9	62.6	67.2	77.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	34.3	45.1	39.5	43.1	50.3
30	Metal Fabricating	3.7	4.9	5.6	5.3	5.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	111.0	129.0	125.6	136.9	143.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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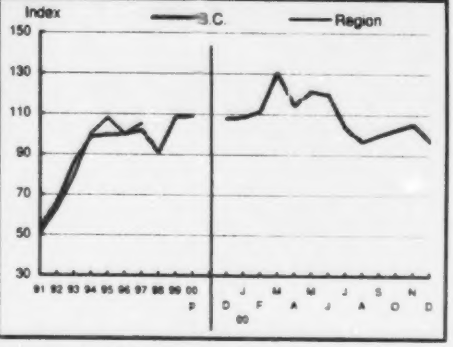
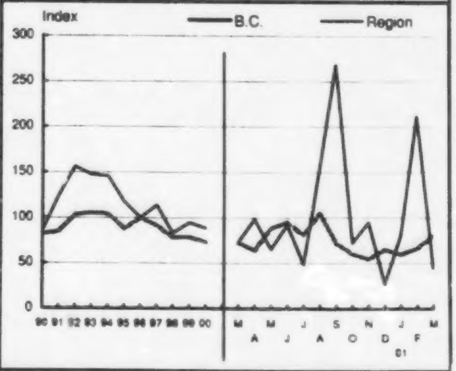


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	108.4	22.8	3.4	13.7	5.6	85.7	914
1994	107.3	23.3	4.5	12.9	5.9	84.0	928
1995	86.5	32.2	8.0	12.5	11.6	54.3	583
1996	73.5	23.2	2.8	12.5	7.9	50.3	505
1997	83.7	21.5	3.8	11.5	6.2	62.2	568
1998	61.0	17.4	1.3	8.2	7.9	43.6	475
1999	69.5	26.6	1.9	12.4	12.3	42.8	387
2000	65.1	27.6	5.7	18.3	3.6	37.5	303
Mar '00	8.8	1.9	1.1	0.8	0.1	7.0	49
Mar '01	20.6	15.2	1.4	12.2	1.6	5.4	47

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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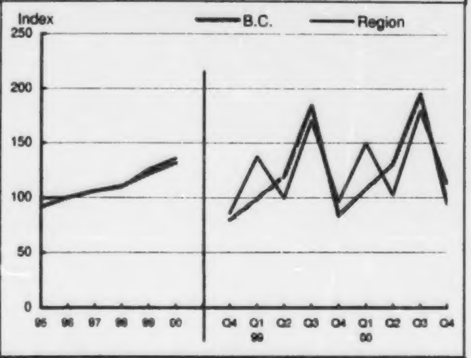
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Okanagan Regional District	1996	12,110.1	3,231.3	2,546.9	3,916.0	2,415.9
	1997	12,804.7	3,086.3	2,793.1	4,443.8	2,481.6
	1998	13,226.0	3,314.5	2,745.8	4,564.9	2,600.8
	1999	15,232.1	4,157.2	3,007.6	5,149.5	2,917.7
	2000	16,451.2	4,516.0	3,095.3	5,423.2	3,416.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

North Okanagan 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,451.2	100.0%
Hotels	11,260.6	68.4%
Motels	3,526.5	21.4%
Vacation Rentals	1,237.8	7.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

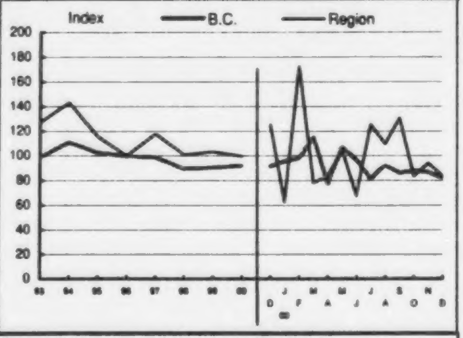


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	292
1994	329
1995	266
1996	230
1997	271
1998	232
1999	237
2000	229
Jan-Dec 99	237
Jan-Dec 00	229

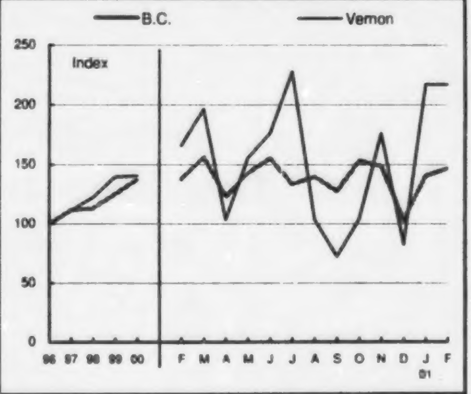
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



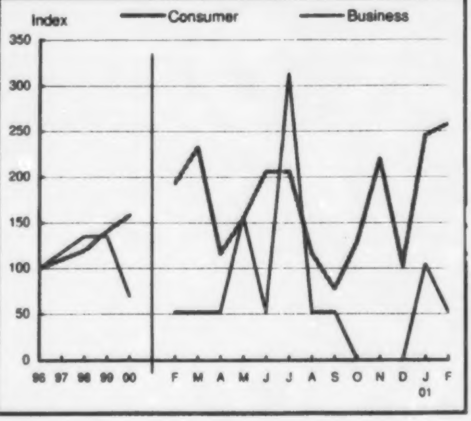
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vernon		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	93	23	472	99	6,436	948
1997	102	27	646	120	7,366	895
1998	111	31	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	131	31	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	147	16	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	26	2	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	39	3	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vernon Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Sep '98	7.7	11.1	8.8	6.4	4.1
	Dec '98	7.6	10.5	9.4	6.4	3.9
	Mar '99	7.7	10.9	8.9	6.6	3.8
	Jun '99	7.5	10.6	8.5	6.4	3.8
	Sep '99	7.4	10.5	8.3	6.3	3.8
	Dec '99	7.3	10.1	8.9	6.2	3.8
	Mar '00	7.5	10.4	9.3	6.4	3.8
	Jun '00	7.4	10.3	9.0	6.4	3.8
	Sep '00	7.5	10.7	8.7	6.3	3.8
	Dec '00	7.1	10.0	8.5	6.1	3.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

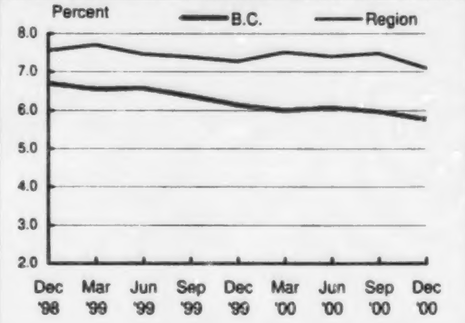
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	3.0	3.2	3.3	1.6	Sep '98
	4.5	4.8	4.9	2.7	Dec '98
	5.2	4.8	5.8	2.8	Mar '99
	3.2	3.5	3.6	1.5	Jun '99
	3.2	3.2	3.7	1.5	Sep '99
	3.9	4.1	4.4	1.8	Dec '99
	4.5	4.8	5.1	2.1	Mar '00
	3.1	3.3	3.5	1.6	Jun '00
	2.6	2.4	3.0	1.3	Sep '00

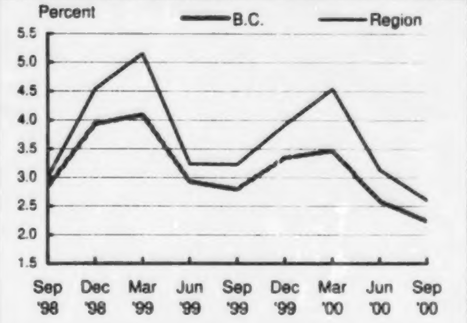
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,521	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.5	41.2
1-2 Years	18.0	17.8
>2 Years	35.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

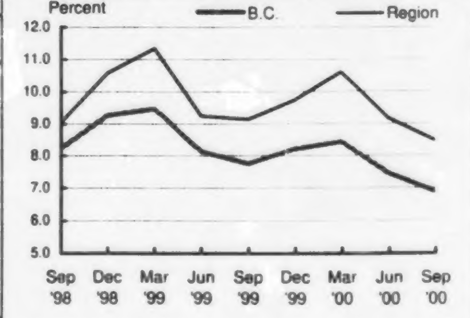
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Sep '98	9.1	11.6	9.5	5.1
	Dec '98	10.6	13.8	11.1	6.3
	Mar '99	11.3	13.4	12.2	6.2
	Jun '99	9.3	11.8	9.8	4.9
	Sep '99	9.1	11.2	9.8	4.8
	Dec '99	9.7	12.5	10.3	5.1
	Mar '00	10.6	13.7	11.3	5.5
	Jun '00	9.2	12.0	9.7	4.9
	Sep '00	8.5	10.7	9.0	4.5

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many areas in British Columbia with an economic dependence on the forest sector, this region experienced net outflows of migrants in the mid-eighties when the forest sector was experiencing a downturn. Other than this exception, the area has generally had net inflows of migrants. The stability of the agricultural sector and the pleasant climate are contributory factors to population stability in this region.

The median age of the area's population is significantly higher than the provincial median, and the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. However, the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. Thus, the overall dependency ratio is over ten percentage points higher than it is for British Columbia as a whole.

14 Projection

As with most of the Okanagan, this region has been experiencing strong growth in recent years due to large net inflows of migrants. This strong growth is projected to continue throughout most of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	11.9	6.0	12.2	9.4	4.9	48.0	15.5	0.560	0.178	0.738	1976
1981	4.1	12.0	6.5	15.7	10.9	6.6	55.7	19.4	0.486	0.198	0.685	1981
1986	3.9	11.2	5.6	16.4	11.8	8.0	56.9	21.1	0.443	0.236	0.679	1986
1991	4.0	11.9	5.2	18.7	13.6	10.0	63.3	23.9	0.426	0.267	0.693	1991
1996	4.3	14.0	6.0	21.4	16.8	11.8	74.3	28.6	0.414	0.268	0.681	1996
2001	3.9	13.6	7.4	20.7	19.9	13.0	78.4	31.2	0.364	0.270	0.635	2001
2006	4.6	13.7	8.1	22.4	24.5	14.8	88.1	36.6	0.332	0.269	0.601	2006
2011	5.2	14.2	8.3	24.6	28.3	16.9	97.4	42.0	0.318	0.277	0.595	2011
2016	5.6	15.6	8.1	27.3	30.1	19.6	106.5	46.9	0.324	0.303	0.627	2016
2021	5.8	17.0	8.3	29.3	31.2	23.4	115.0	51.4	0.331	0.340	0.671	2021
2026	6.0	17.9	9.2	29.9	32.8	27.4	123.3	56.2	0.332	0.381	0.713	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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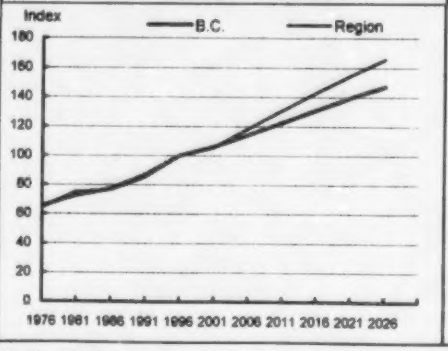
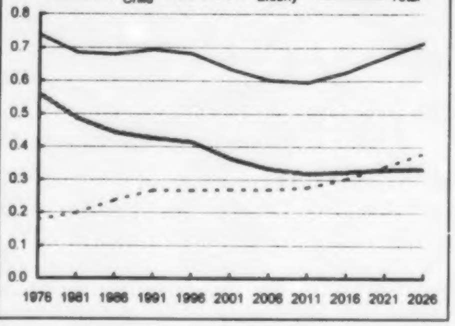


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Northern Rockies
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fort Nelson

Forestry, tourism and oil and gas exploration are the major economic drivers for this region. There are two large processing facilities located in Fort Nelson that employ close to 600 people between them. The North-eastern region of the province is a significant producer of oil and gas and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a significant number of people.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	234	278	20	10	1	309	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	25	21	2	0	0	23	7.4%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	11	16	1	0	0	17	5.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	1	3	0	0	0	3	1.0%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	40	23	5	3	0	31	10.0%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	5	11	1	1	1	14	4.5%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	9	18	2	0	0	20	6.5%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	16	36	1	1	0	38	12.3%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	37	32	0	0	0	32	10.4%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1	5	0	0	0	5	1.6%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	4	3	1	0	0	4	1.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	20	7	0	0	0	7	2.3%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	6	12	0	0	0	12	3.9%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	6	14	0	0	0	14	4.5%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	1	0	0	1	0	1	0.3%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	2	13	0	1	0	14	4.5%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7	5	0	0	0	5	1.6%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	14	23	6	1	0	30	9.7%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	26	35	1	0	0	36	11.7%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		1	0	2	0	3	1.0%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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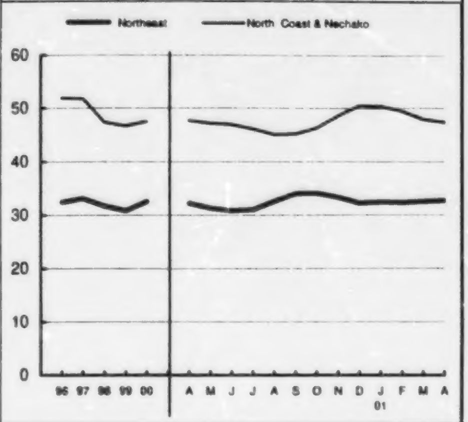
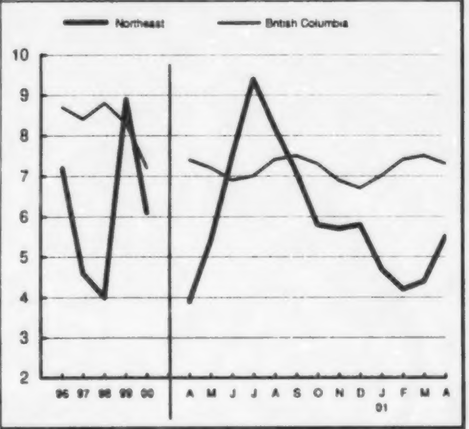
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	4.0	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	31.9	7.0	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	32.2	5.6	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	33.0	3.5	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	32.2	3.9	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	31.3	5.4	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	30.8	7.5	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	31.0	9.4	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	32.6	8.2	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	34.0	7.1	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	34.1	5.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	33.3	5.7	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	32.2	5.8	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	32.3	4.2	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	32.4	4.0	47.6	7.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	32.6	4.8	47.7	11.6	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	0.6		0.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



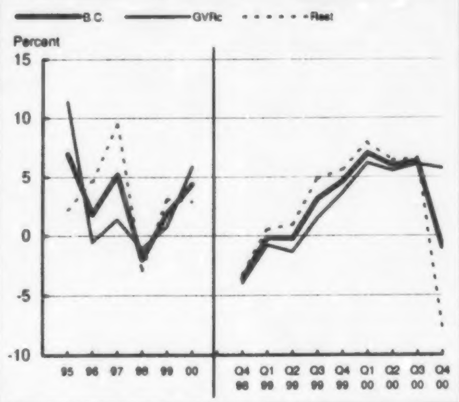
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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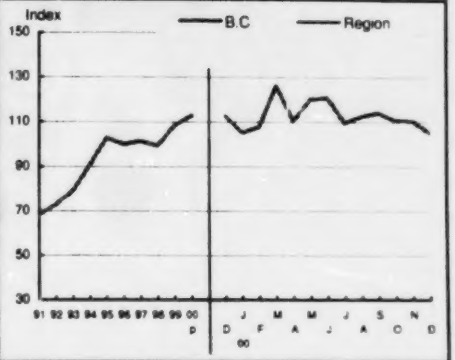
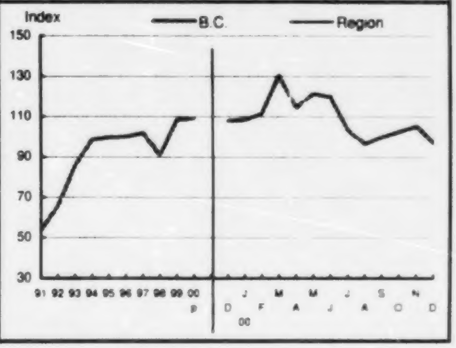
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	3	2	3	3	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	1	2	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	1	1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6	5	7	7	7
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	251.1
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	842
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	44.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

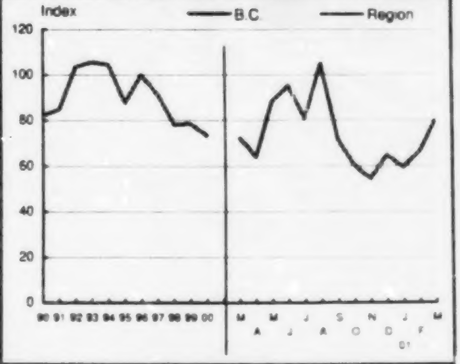
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar '00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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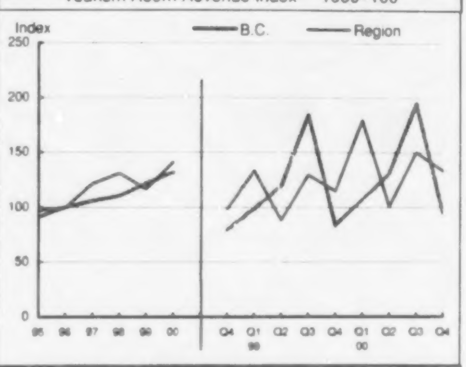
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Peace River R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Peace River-Liard Regional District	1996	20,771.5	5,899.3	4,284.5	5,575.0	5,012.6
	1997	25,142.1	6,871.9	5,234.3	6,617.7	6,418.2
	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,252.3	9,303.7	5,236.6	7,790.6	6,921.5
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Peace River-Liard 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,252.3	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	989.0	3.4%
Hotels	14,997.7	51.3%			
76+ Rooms	7,375.9	25.2%			
1-75 Rooms	7,621.8	26.1%			
Motels	8,526.7	29.1%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

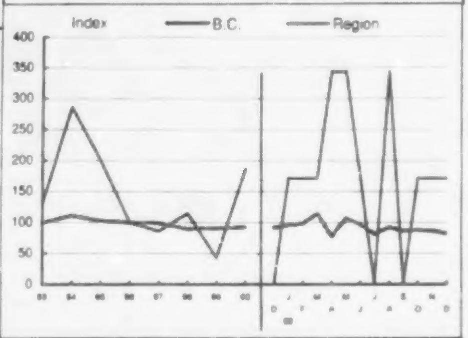


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	9
1994	20
1995	14
1996	7
1997	6
1998	8
1999	3
2000	13
Jan-Dec 99	3
Jan-Dec 00	13

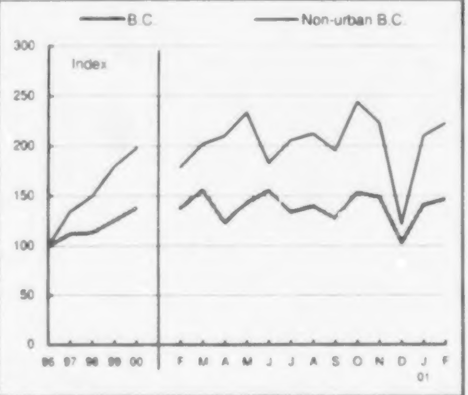
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



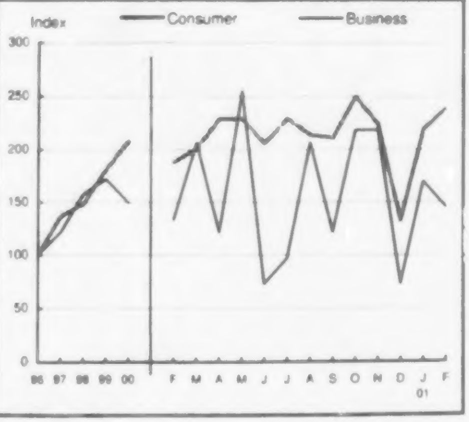
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		Fort St. John		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	472	99	46	13	6,436	948
1997	646	120	58	4	7,366	895
1998	698	156	53	8	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	85	16	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	88	14	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	9	4	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	11	1	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '98	4.7	6.9	7.2	3.0	3.6
	Dec '98	4.2	5.5	6.5	3.1	3.1
	Mar '99	4.1	5.7	5.4	3.0	3.0
	Jun '99	4.1	5.4	4.9	3.2	3.0
	Sep '99	4.1	5.0	6.5	3.2	3.0
	Dec '99	3.9	4.8	5.2	3.1	3.0
	Mar '00	3.2	4.8	3.7	2.0	3.0
	Jun '00	3.2	4.0	3.6	2.5	3.0
	Sep '00	2.7	3.7	3.3	1.9	3.0
	Dec '00	3.4	4.5	5.5	2.4	3.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

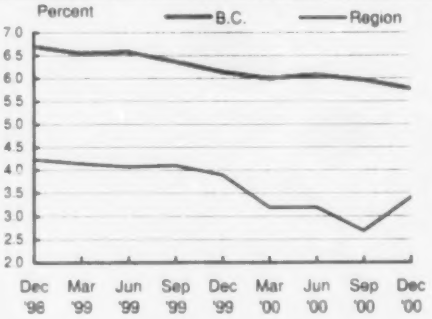
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.1	3.5	4.4	1.8	Sep '98
5.5	5.4	6.0	-	Dec '98
4.0	3.6	4.4	-	Mar '99
4.3	5.2	4.2	3.1	Jun '99
4.3	4.8	4.2	3.5	Sep '99
3.6	3.8	3.6	2.4	Dec '99
3.1	4.3	2.8	3.1	Mar '00
3.8	4.3	3.7	4.2	Jun '00
3.3	2.6	3.5	2.1	Sep '00

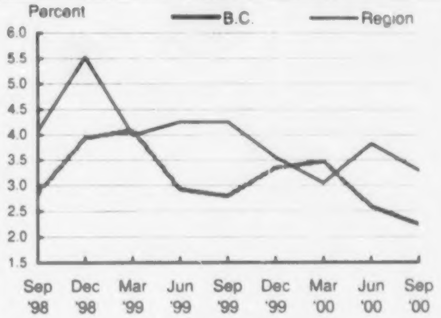
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	200	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	69.8	41.2
1-2 Years	13.1	17.8
>2 Years	17.1	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

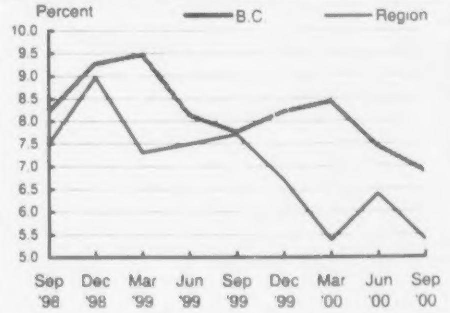
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Sep '98	7.5	10.4	7.2	4.9
	Dec '98	9.0	11.5	8.9	4.7
	Mar '99	7.3	9.0	7.3	3.7
	Jun '99	7.5	10.0	7.2	6.1
	Sep '99	7.7	10.9	7.2	6.4
	Dec '99	6.7	8.9	6.4	6.1
	Mar '00	5.4	7.8	4.7	7.7
	Jun '00	6.4	7.7	6.0	8.6
	Sep '00	5.4	5.9	5.3	5.0

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The economic dependence on the resource sectors and the male-dominant employment in these sectors is the main reason for the heavy weighting of males in the population in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The remoteness of the area is likely the reason why the median age of the population is far lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is substantially higher than the provincial rate, and is likely partially the reason for a significantly higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. There is a very small proportion of elderly in the population compared to British Columbia as a whole.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will contribute between 60 and 90 people per year to the population base of this area. At the same time, it is expected that the area will experience small, positive net migration over most of the projection period. As a result, this area should experience steady population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.5	1.3	0.7	1.4	0.5	0.1	4.4	1.2	0.712	0.023	0.735	1976
1981	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.6	0.1	5.2	1.6	0.560	0.020	0.580	1981
1986	0.7	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.6	0.1	5.4	1.7	0.578	0.026	0.604	1986
1991	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.2	5.2	1.7	0.541	0.046	0.587	1991
1996	0.6	1.4	0.7	2.5	0.8	0.2	6.1	2.0	0.494	0.037	0.532	1996
2001	0.6	1.5	0.7	2.6	1.2	0.2	6.7	2.2	0.464	0.043	0.507	2001
2006	0.6	1.5	0.8	2.6	1.7	0.3	7.3	2.5	0.418	0.056	0.475	2006
2011	0.6	1.5	0.8	2.6	2.1	0.4	7.9	2.8	0.385	0.078	0.463	2011
2016	0.6	1.4	0.9	2.5	2.5	0.6	8.5	3.1	0.349	0.103	0.452	2016
2021	0.6	1.5	0.8	2.7	2.5	0.9	9.1	3.5	0.346	0.156	0.502	2021
2026	0.6	1.5	0.8	2.8	2.5	1.3	9.6	3.7	0.356	0.213	0.569	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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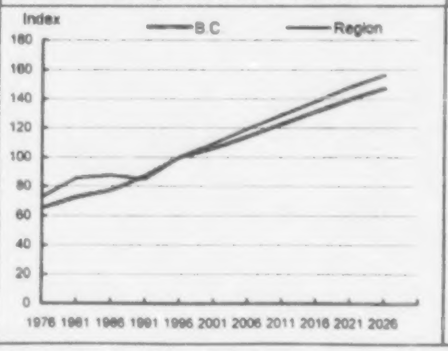
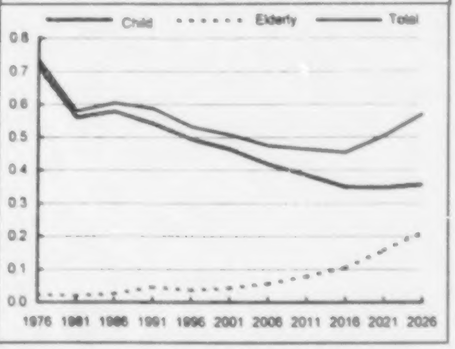


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland

Agriculture has traditionally been the main economic driver for this region. Although this sector has diminished somewhat in importance, it is still an important factor of the economy, and this area remains one of the more important centres of agriculture in the province. Other significant economic drivers include tourism and forestry.

The two major mines in the area—the Similco Mine at Princeton, and the Nickel Plate Mine at Hedley—have shut down in the last few years. The mine at Hedley closed due to ore depletion, but the Similco mine still has reserves remaining and could re-open once copper prices improve.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 **New!**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Okanagan-Similkameen							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,140	3,216	212	73	10	3,511	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	197	575	14	6	1	596	17.0%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	18	9	0	0	1	10	0.3%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	4	9	1	1	0	11	0.3%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	374	333	9	5	0	347	9.9%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	82	162	31	11	0	204	5.8%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	83	116	7	2	0	125	3.6%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	214	407	35	10	0	452	12.9%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	101	115	1	0	0	116	3.3%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	17	29	2	0	0	31	0.9%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	123	74	6	1	1	82	2.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	295	123	5	1	0	129	3.7%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	166	197	8	0	0	205	5.8%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	78	53	7	4	0	64	1.8%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	52	131	3	0	0	134	3.8%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	14	26	0	5	1	32	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	243	13	9	3	268	7.6%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27	69	8	1	0	78	2.2%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	128	255	49	14	2	320	9.1%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	152	262	4	2	0	268	7.6%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		28	9	1	1	39	1.1%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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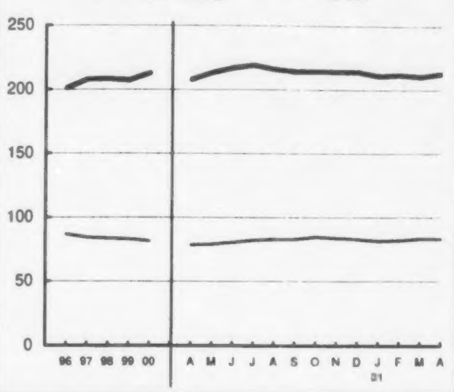
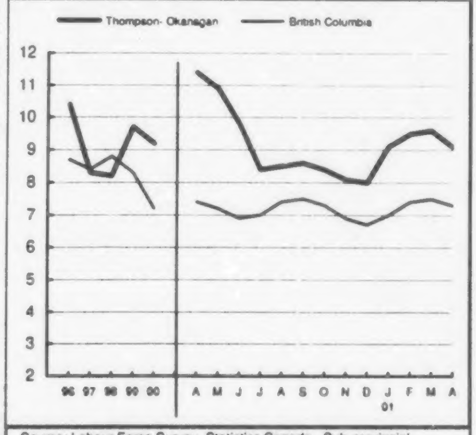
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996		201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997		207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998		208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999		207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000		212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	206.8	10.8	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	211.3	9.5	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	2.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



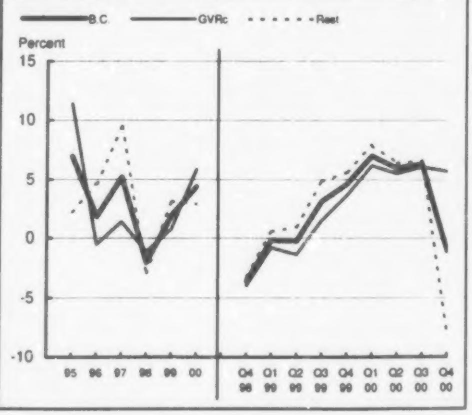
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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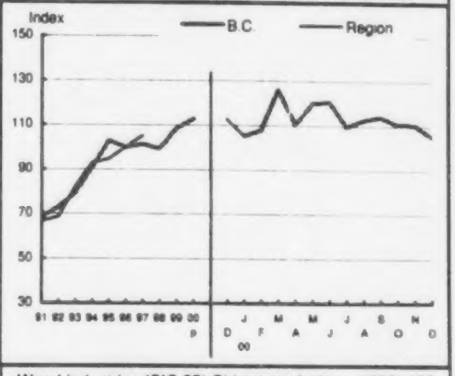
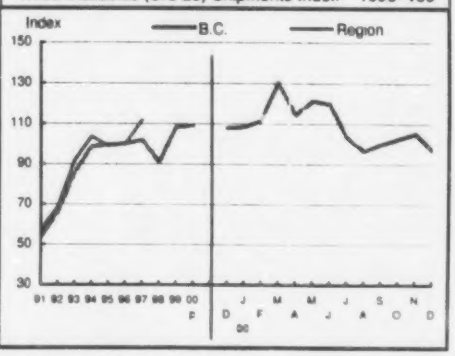
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	5	4	5	4	3
25	Wood	12	11	11	15	15
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	2	2	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	10	11	15	15
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	67	65	76	85	83
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	10.7	12.0	13.3	24.7	**
25	Wood	131.4	148.5	141.6	143.3	160.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	6.9	15.4	21.5	24.3	23.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	304.9	344.7	351.6	371.1	390.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	146	168	156	235	**
25	Wood	569	629	576	626	611
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	75	121	188	217	224
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,833	2,007	2,089	2,242	2,268
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	2.8	3.1	3.2	5.6	**
25	Wood	22.0	23.6	24.7	27.0	30.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.2	6.0	7.0	7.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	61.1	65.5	72.7	79.6	86.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

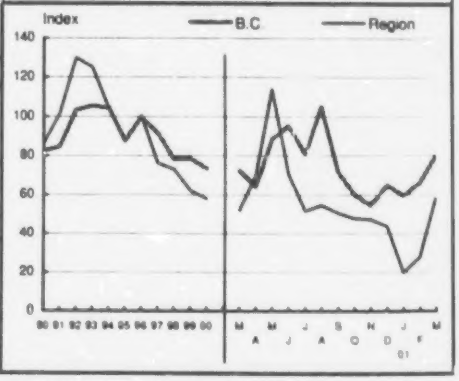


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	118.1	26.2	1.7	13.9	10.7	91.8	1,072
1994	98.3	22.3	2.6	11.7	8.1	76.0	785
1995	82.2	34.8	7.5	21.9	5.4	47.5	409
1996	94.4	38.5	2.8	18.7	17.0	55.9	493
1997	71.9	24.8	8.1	12.3	4.4	47.1	415
1998	68.9	21.5	2.4	12.0	7.1	47.3	487
1999	58.5	19.6	3.2	13.1	3.2	39.0	334
2000	54.6	24.9	3.5	15.3	6.0	29.7	189
Mar '00	11.4	6.2	1.4	4.3	0.6	5.2	37
Mar '01	8.3	2.9	0.3	1.8	0.8	5.4	48

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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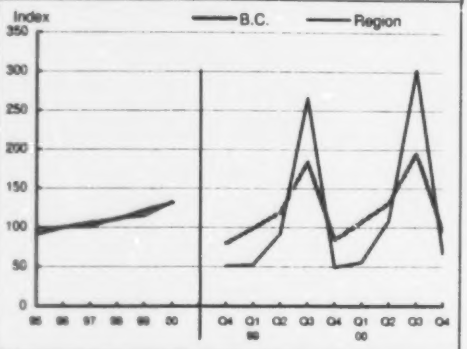
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	1996	22,868.8	2,782.5	5,177.4	12,367.7	2,541.2
	1997	23,056.7	2,566.7	5,006.0	12,875.4	2,608.6
	1998	25,679.4	2,760.1	5,308.2	14,712.2	2,898.9
	1999	26,236.7	2,977.5	5,239.0	15,210.7	2,809.5
	2000	30,448.2	3,148.9	6,204.3	17,278.1	3,816.9
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Okanagan-Sim'een 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	30,448.2	100.0%
Hotels	15,948.1	52.4%
Motels	10,945.2	35.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

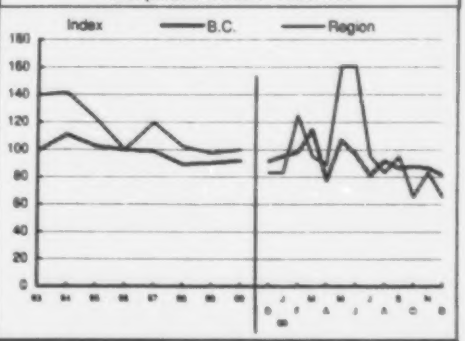


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	282
1994	286
1995	248
1996	202
1997	242
1998	207
1999	197
2000	202
Jan-Dec 99	197
Jan-Dec 00	202

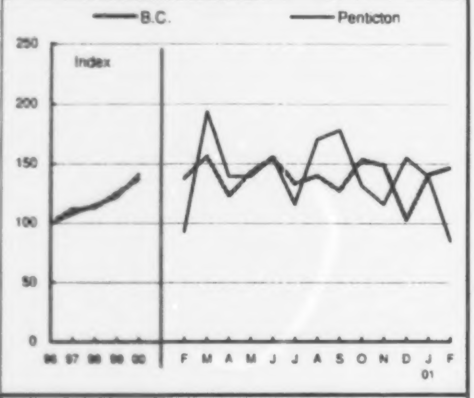
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



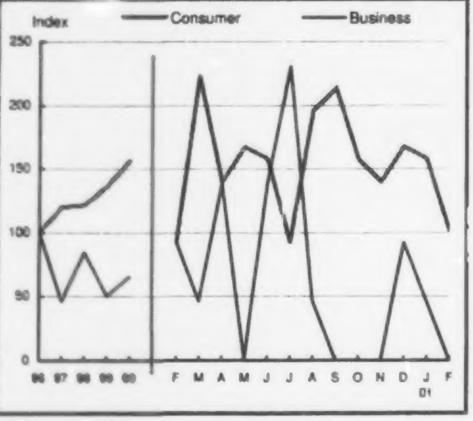
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Penticton		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	129	26	472	99	6,436	948
1997	155	12	646	120	7,366	895
1998	157	22	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	176	13	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	202	17	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	24	2	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	28	1	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Penticton Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

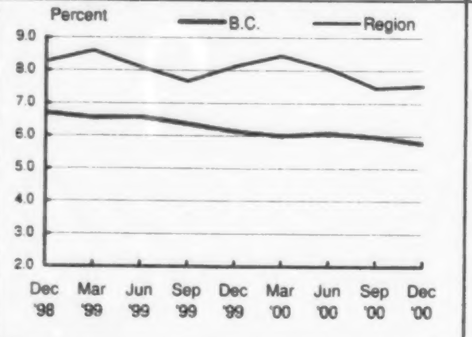
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '98	7.9	11.4	10.1	6.9	3.7
	Dec '98	8.3	11.6	11.0	7.4	3.7
	Mar '99	8.6	12.1	11.8	7.6	3.7
	Jun '99	8.1	11.5	10.3	7.2	3.7
	Sep '99	7.7	11.3	9.0	6.7	3.7
	Dec '99	8.1	11.4	10.0	7.3	3.7
	Mar '00	8.5	12.1	10.8	7.5	3.7
	Jun '00	8.1	11.6	10.3	7.2	3.7
	Sep '00	7.5	11.2	8.8	6.5	3.7
	Dec '00	7.5	10.7	9.5	6.8	3.7

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,580	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	49.0	41.2
1-2 Years	16.8	17.8
>2 Years	34.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



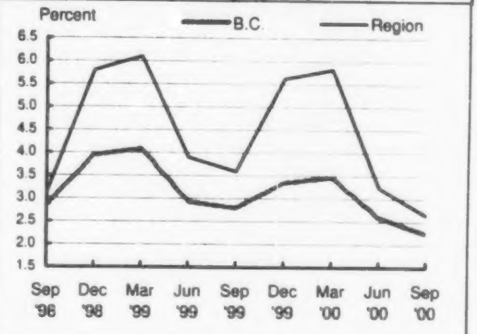
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.1	3.3	3.5	1.6	Sep '98
5.8	6.6	6.6	2.9	Dec '98
6.1	6.8	6.9	3.3	Mar '99
3.9	3.7	4.4	2.4	Jun '99
3.6	2.9	4.2	2.0	Sep '99
5.6	5.8	6.3	3.2	Dec '99
5.8	6.4	6.5	3.4	Mar '00
3.2	3.2	3.7	1.8	Jun '00
2.6	2.5	3.1	1.2	Sep '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

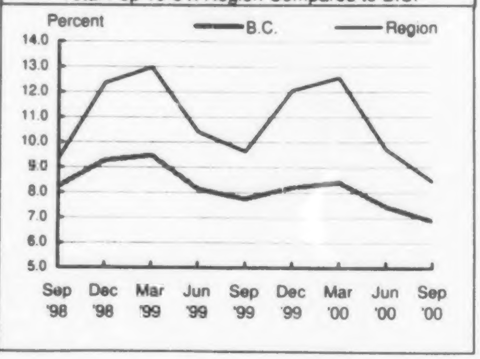
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Sep '98	9.3	12.7	10.1	5.0
	Dec '98	12.4	16.8	13.4	6.4
	Mar '99	13.0	17.9	14.0	6.8
	Jun '99	10.4	13.5	11.3	5.9
	Sep '99	9.6	11.6	10.6	5.4
	Dec '99	12.1	15.0	13.2	6.8
	Mar '00	12.6	16.5	13.6	7.0
	Jun '00	9.7	13.0	10.6	5.0
	Sep '00	8.4	10.9	9.3	4.1

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like the rest of the Okanagan, this region experienced tremendous growth in the last decade due to very high net migration inflows.

The pleasant climate of this area makes it a popular place to retire, and as a result, the median age of the population of this region is substantially higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is over twice that of the province as a whole. The older age structure is responsible for the significant gender bias in favour of females, since women tend to live longer than men.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is negative in this region, and will likely become even more negative over the projection period. However, it is expected that net migration to this area will continue to be high, which will more than compensate for losses due to a negative natural increase. The shutdowns in the mining sector will likely have only a small impact on the region as a whole. This area is high in mineral potential and there is a possibility of new mines opening once metal prices improve.

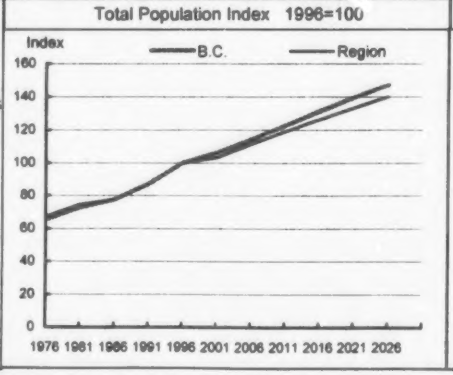
15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.1	11.3	6.2	11.8	12.6	7.8	52.7	18.5	0.471	0.256	0.727	1976
1981	3.5	10.6	6.3	14.3	13.5	10.3	58.5	22.6	0.413	0.302	0.715	1981
1986	3.6	10.0	5.3	15.6	13.8	12.7	61.0	24.6	0.392	0.365	0.756	1986
1991	3.8	10.9	4.7	17.9	15.5	15.5	68.3	27.9	0.384	0.408	0.792	1991
1996	3.9	12.3	5.4	19.9	18.8	18.5	78.8	33.3	0.369	0.419	0.788	1996
2001	3.6	11.9	6.4	18.8	20.5	19.9	81.1	35.1	0.339	0.435	0.774	2001
2006	4.0	11.6	7.0	19.2	24.2	21.7	87.7	39.1	0.310	0.431	0.740	2006
2011	4.4	11.7	6.9	20.5	26.8	23.5	93.7	43.0	0.299	0.435	0.734	2011
2016	4.7	12.5	6.7	22.5	27.3	25.9	99.5	46.4	0.304	0.459	0.763	2016
2021	4.8	13.4	6.6	24.1	27.4	28.7	104.9	49.3	0.313	0.494	0.807	2021
2026	4.9	14.0	7.1	24.4	27.9	31.9	110.2	52.4	0.319	0.537	0.856	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)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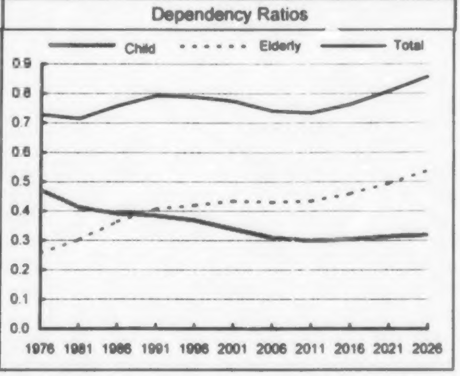
Dependency Ratios

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Peace River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge

The economy of this region is fairly diversified, with coal mining, oil and gas exploration, forestry and agriculture all being significant economic activities. The North-eastern region of the province is a significant producer of oil and gas, and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a significant number of people. There are two major coal mines in the area (Bullmoose and Quintette) that supply coal to Japanese markets and potential for further coal projects exists.

A major development that will affect this region is the closure of the Quintette coal mine in August, 2000 and the likely closure of the Bullmoose coal mine in 2003. These mines have already experienced significant layoffs in the last two years. There have already been some population impacts from the layoffs and more are certain to follow. On the positive side, Louisiana-Pacific is in the process of building four processing facilities in the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

		Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)		Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,563	2,527	210	64	13	2,814	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	669	282	12	2	0	296	10.5%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	154	180	18	6	2	206	7.3%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	1	8	0	0	0	8	0.3%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	356	313	27	10	1	351	12.5%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	72	76	4	6	3	89	3.2%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	63	110	14	0	0	124	4.4%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	121	246	20	7	0	273	9.7%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	285	245	17	4	1	267	9.5%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	5	24	2	0	0	26	0.9%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	65	29	6	4	0	39	1.4%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	173	75	9	0	0	84	3.0%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	159	185	6	0	0	191	6.8%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	33	30	1	0	0	31	1.1%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	84	107	5	1	0	113	4.0%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	6	21	2	0	3	26	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	135	17	9	2	163	5.8%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	18	43	1	0	0	44	1.6%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	61	134	42	11	1	188	6.7%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	226	277	4	1	0	282	10.0%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		7	3	3	0	13	0.5%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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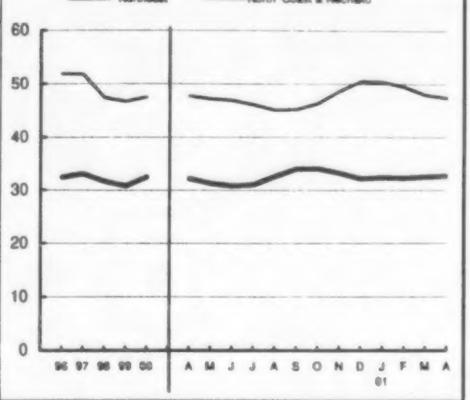
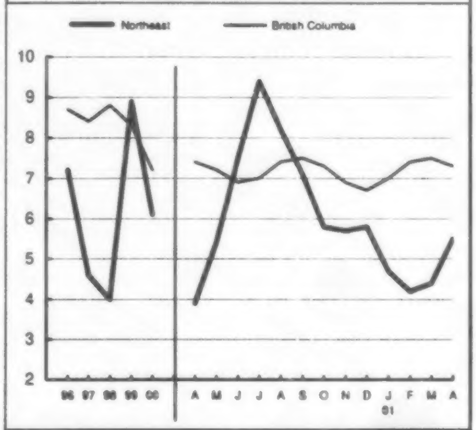
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
1998	31.7	4.0	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	31.9	7.0	48.1	7.8	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	32.2	5.6	47.9	7.7	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	33.0	3.5	47.7	7.6	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	32.2	3.9	47.7	7.0	1,919.7	7.4
May	31.3	5.4	47.2	7.5	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	30.8	7.5	46.9	9.1	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	31.0	9.4	46.1	11.7	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	32.6	8.2	45.1	12.8	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	34.0	7.1	45.2	12.2	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	34.1	5.8	46.3	12.3	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	33.3	5.7	48.6	11.5	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	32.2	5.8	50.5	11.6	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	32.4	4.7	50.4	10.8	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	32.3	4.2	49.5	11.4	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	32.5	4.4	48.0	11.4	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	32.7	5.5	47.4	11.6	1,936.5	7.3
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:					year-to-dat	
Jan-Apr00	32.4	4.0	47.6	7.2	1,913.9	7.5
Jan-Apr01	32.6	4.8	47.7	11.6	1,927.6	7.5
% Change	0.6		0.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



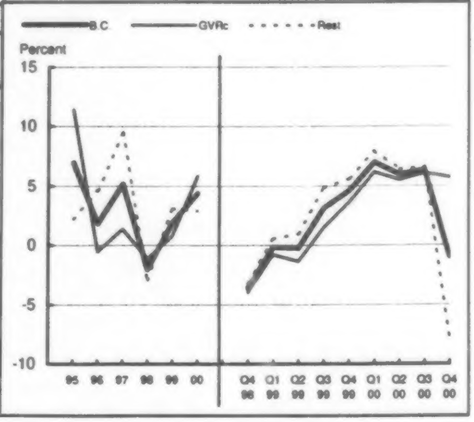
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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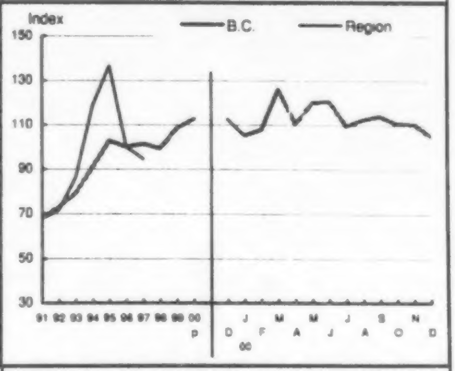
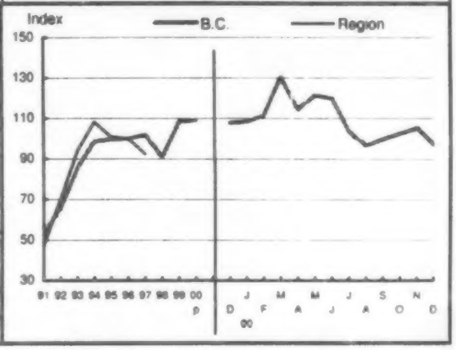
5	Manufacturing Principal Statistics					
SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	8	8	7	7	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	8	8	8	8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	33	33	33	34	33
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	258.4	297.6	277.3	275.1	253.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	5.4	9.8	10.6	10.1	9.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	341.0	468.1	539.7	394.8	373.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	707	670	623	646	786
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	61	88	90	86	86
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,188	1,228	1,262	1,181	1,371
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	35.0	33.6	31.7	32.0	40.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	53.1	57.2	61.7	57.7	68.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100



Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.

Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.

Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.

Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.

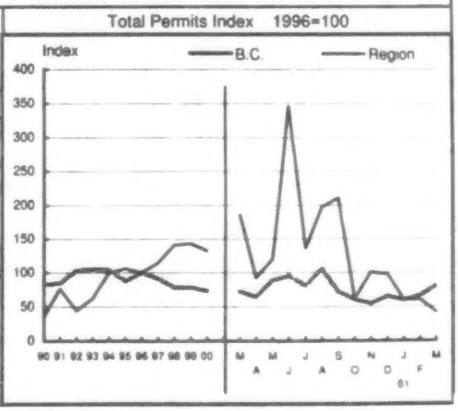
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.

Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.

Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6	Building Permits						
	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
Year	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	25.7	12.4	0.9	2.1	9.5	13.2	117
1994	41.8	20.6	2.1	8.0	10.5	21.2	169
1995	44.1	20.4	2.5	11.7	6.1	23.7	182
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	17.0	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.7	20.4	0.3	19.3	0.8	27.3	233
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	22.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.8	31.0	5.0	22.6	3.4	28.8	329
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	20.7	3.5	27.8	241
Mar '00	8.0	3.6	0.0	3.6	0.0	4.5	41
Mar '01	5.6	4.7	0.0	2.1	2.6	0.9	5

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.

Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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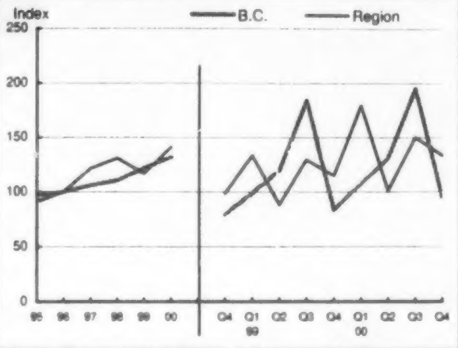
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Fort Nelson-Liard R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Peace River-Liard Regional District	1996	20,771.5	5,899.3	4,284.5	5,575.0	5,012.6
	1997	25,142.1	6,871.9	5,234.3	6,617.7	6,418.2
	1998	27,183.4	9,050.3	5,579.5	7,449.8	5,103.8
	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,252.3	9,303.7	5,236.6	7,790.6	6,921.5
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Peace River-Liard 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,252.3	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	989.0	3.4%
Hotels	14,997.7	51.3%			
76+ Rooms	7,375.9	25.2%			
1-75 Rooms	7,621.8	26.1%			
Motels	8,526.7	29.1%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

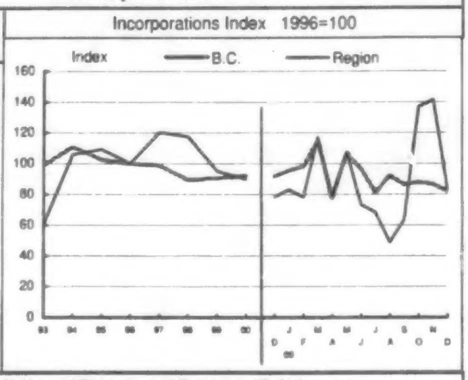


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	148
1994	260
1995	269
1996	246
1997	296
1998	289
1999	234
2000	221
Jan-Dec 99	234
Jan-Dec 00	221

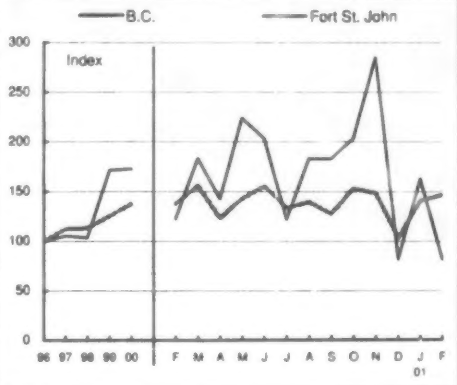
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



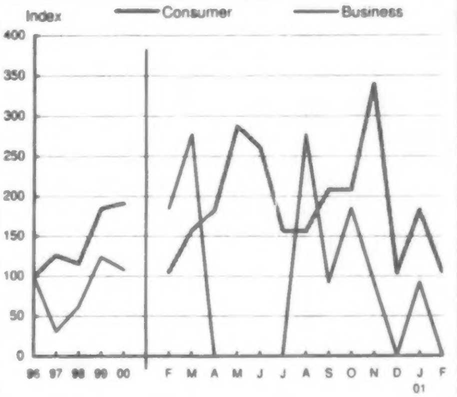
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John		Dawson Creek		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	46	13	12	0	6,436	948
1997	58	4	16	4	7,366	895
1998	53	8	16	4	7,327	1,031
1999	85	16	21	3	8,179	1,075
2000	88	14	30	3	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	9	4	2	0	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	11	1	8	0	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Fort St. John Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

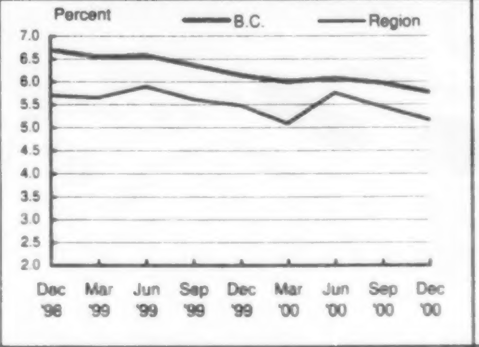
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Peace River Regional District	Sep '98	5.3	6.9	7.3	4.2	3.0	3.7	4.2	3.9	2.1	Sep '98
	Dec '98	5.7	6.9	9.0	4.6	3.1	4.2	5.3	4.2	2.8	Dec '98
	Mar '99	5.6	6.8	8.7	4.5	3.1	4.5	6.5	4.3	3.2	Mar '99
	Jun '99	5.9	7.2	8.2	4.9	3.1	5.2	7.0	5.2	3.2	Jun '99
	Sep '99	5.6	7.3	7.4	4.4	3.1	4.7	5.8	4.8	2.8	Sep '99
	Dec '99	5.5	6.8	7.2	4.5	3.1	3.7	4.9	3.7	2.1	Dec '99
	Mar '00	5.1	6.7	7.0	3.9	3.1	3.3	4.3	3.3	2.2	Mar '00
	Jun '00	5.8	7.3	8.2	4.6	3.1	4.2	5.1	4.2	2.6	Jun '00
	Sep '00	5.4	7.2	7.2	4.2	3.1	3.4	3.9	3.5	2.2	Sep '00
	Dec '00	5.2	6.5	7.2	4.2	3.1					

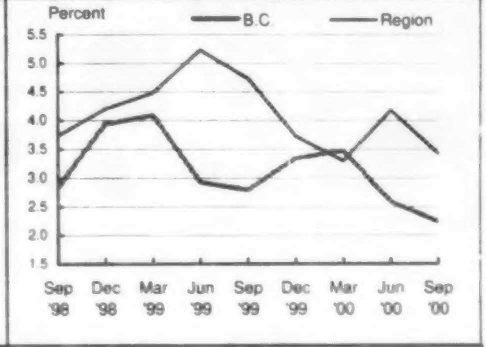
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,851	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	60.5	41.2
1-2 Years	15.5	17.8
>2 Years	24.0	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

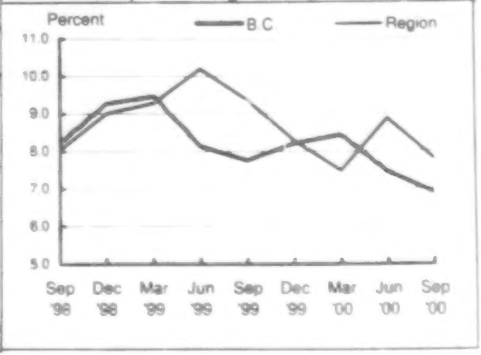
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Peace River Regional District	Sep '98	8.0	11.2	7.8	5.6
	Dec '98	9.0	13.7	8.5	6.4
	Mar '99	9.3	14.8	8.6	7.0
	Jun '99	10.2	14.9	9.8	7.1
	Sep '99	9.4	13.0	9.1	6.6
	Dec '99	8.3	11.7	8.0	5.8
	Mar '00	7.5	11.1	7.1	5.7
	Jun '00	8.8	12.8	8.5	6.3
	Sep '00	7.8	11.0	7.5	5.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the mining and forestry sectors, which tend to have male-dominated employment, the gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males. The total fertility rate is significantly higher in this area, and could partially explain the significantly higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. As a result, the median age of the population is significantly lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The increased activity in the oil and gas industry should result in some growth for this region, although it will be overshadowed in the short-term by the layoffs at the coal mines, which could result in out-migration for a couple of years. The long-term growth combined with a positive natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will result in steady growth for the area in the long-term.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

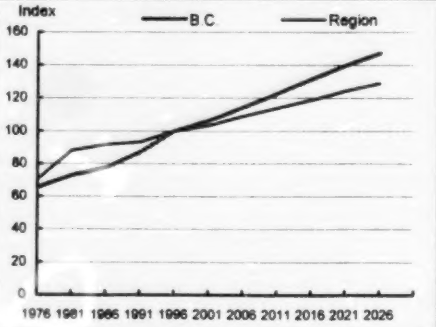
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.0	12.5	5.5	11.4	6.1	2.0	41.4	11.7	0.719	0.086	0.805	1976
1981	5.1	12.7	8.6	15.9	7.1	2.3	51.7	16.2	0.560	0.073	0.632	1981
1986	5.3	12.3	6.9	18.5	8.3	2.8	54.0	18.2	0.524	0.082	0.606	1986
1991	5.0	12.2	5.8	19.3	9.1	3.4	54.8	19.0	0.503	0.098	0.601	1991
1996	5.0	12.9	6.0	20.5	10.6	3.9	58.9	20.1	0.485	0.104	0.589	1996
2001	4.4	13.1	6.2	20.2	12.3	4.5	60.7	21.0	0.455	0.116	0.571	2001
2006	4.2	12.8	6.6	19.7	15.5	5.3	64.1	22.9	0.407	0.127	0.534	2006
2011	4.3	11.8	6.9	19.2	18.3	6.5	66.9	25.4	0.361	0.147	0.508	2011
2016	4.4	11.1	6.9	19.5	19.7	8.3	69.8	27.9	0.338	0.180	0.518	2016
2021	4.6	11.4	6.2	20.8	19.7	10.5	73.2	29.9	0.343	0.225	0.568	2021
2026	4.6	11.9	5.9	21.1	19.1	13.1	75.8	31.5	0.357	0.284	0.641	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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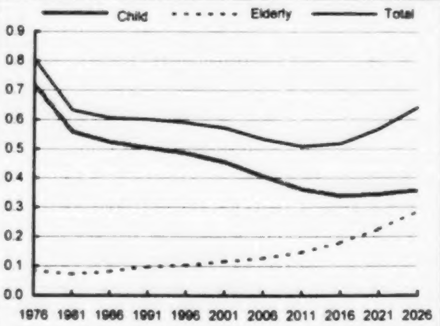

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Powell River

Forestry-related manufacturing is the main economic driver for this area. Pacifica Papers is the primary employer in Powell River, and this area is highly dependent on the fortunes of the mill. The area is trying to diversify its economic base by developing a retirement community at Powell River. The dependence on a single major employer has resulted in significant outflows in the past when the mill underwent downsizing, and anything that would help diversify the economy would certainly be beneficial in terms of population stability.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Powell River							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	440	692	46	19	4	761	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	50	75	5	1	0	81	10.6%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	3	0	2	0	5	0.7%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	92	88	7	1	0	96	12.6%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	18	34	2	0	1	37	4.9%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	10	22	2	0	0	24	3.2%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	39	97	7	3	0	107	14.1%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	25	42	2	0	0	44	5.8%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	3	6	1	1	0	8	1.1%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	19	8	3	0	0	11	1.4%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	50	22	0	0	0	22	2.9%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	36	50	1	0	0	51	6.7%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	18	12	2	0	0	14	1.8%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	18	28	0	0	0	28	3.7%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	1	5	1	0	1	7	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	3	62	2	5	1	70	9.2%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13	15	1	0	0	16	2.1%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	13	58	6	6	0	70	9.2%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	29	56	3	0	0	59	7.8%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration	1	8	1	0	1	10	1.3%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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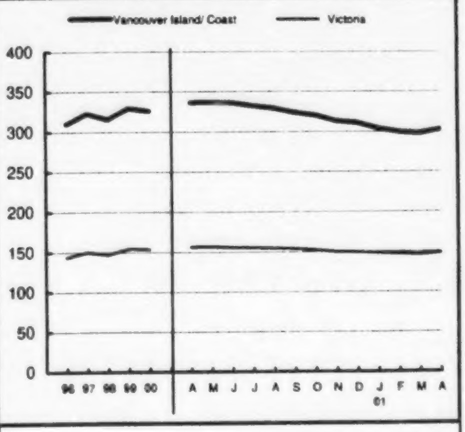
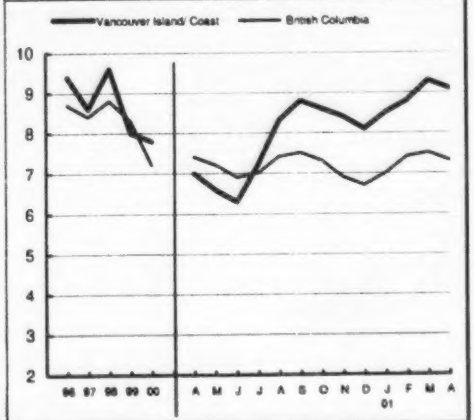
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1991			134.9	8.4	1,572.6	10.1
	1992			133.6	7.9	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			138.8	8.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	331.2	7.8	154.1	5.9	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	331.6	8.0	155.1	6.2	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	332.9	7.9	155.6	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	336.2	7.0	156.5	6.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	336.7	6.6	156.7	6.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	335.8	6.3	155.8	6.1	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	332.2	7.2	155.2	7.0	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	329.3	8.3	154.6	7.8	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	323.9	8.8	153.7	7.9	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	320.1	8.6	152.2	7.5	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	313.2	8.4	149.4	7.0	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	310.8	8.1	149.3	6.5	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	303.8	8.5	148.0	6.3	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	299.4	8.8	147.0	5.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	297.6	9.3	145.9	5.9	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	302.7	9.1	148.1	5.3	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	333.4	7.5	155.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	299.8	9.2	147.0	5.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	-10.1		-5.3		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



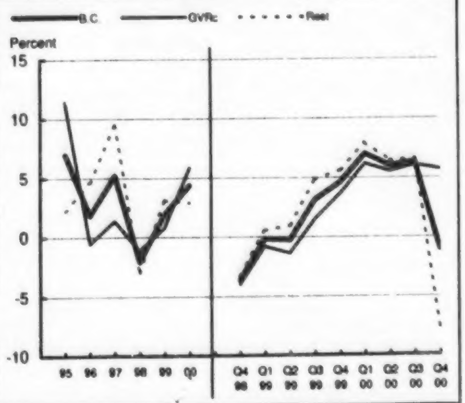
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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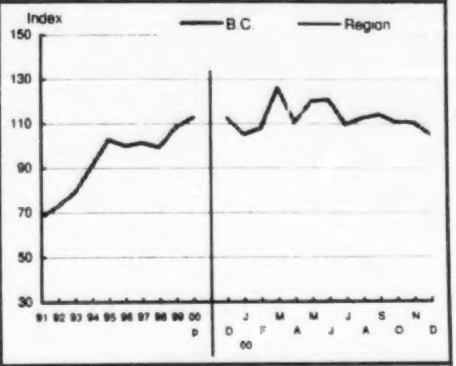
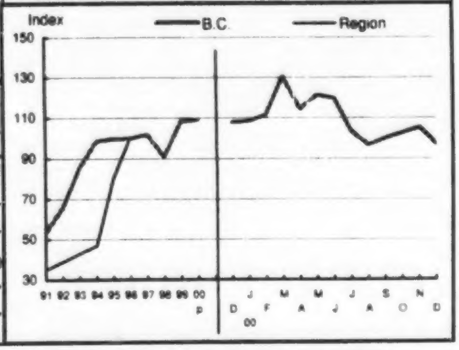
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	1	1
25	Wood	4	4	6	6	3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	2	1	0
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	3	3	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	11	15	18	14
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	5.5	9.4	11.7	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	3.0	4.1	3.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	**	**
25	Wood	**	52	66	55	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	21	30	23	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	1.6	2.0	2.1	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	0.9	1.4	1.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

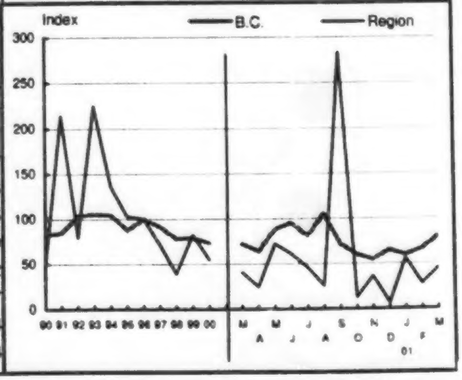


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	31.1	20.5	0.0	5.5	15.0	10.6	106
1994	18.8	2.8	0.0	2.4	0.4	16.0	167
1995	14.2	3.0	0.0	2.9	0.1	11.2	147
1996	13.8	2.5	0.0	1.6	0.8	11.4	126
1997	9.9	2.1	0.4	1.6	0.1	7.8	65
1998	5.4	2.4	0.4	1.8	0.2	3.0	19
1999	11.3	5.6	0.2	5.3	0.2	5.7	42
2000	7.6	3.7	0.0	3.4	0.4	3.9	17
Mar '00	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.9	4
Mar '01	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.2	14

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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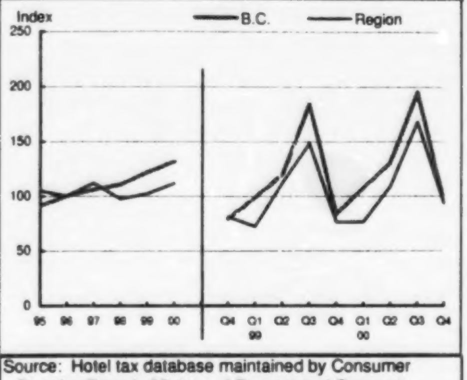
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Powell River Regional District	1996	3,119.8	560.2	917.3	1,141.8	500.5
	1997	3,482.4	587.0	1,057.6	1,164.8	673.0
	1998	3,038.2	450.7	757.4	1,197.6	632.6
	1999	3,186.3	564.5	871.3	1,155.8	594.7
	2000	3,477.6	594.5	846.0	1,308.1	729.0
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,069.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Powell River 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,477.6	100.0%
Hotels	2,445.9	70.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

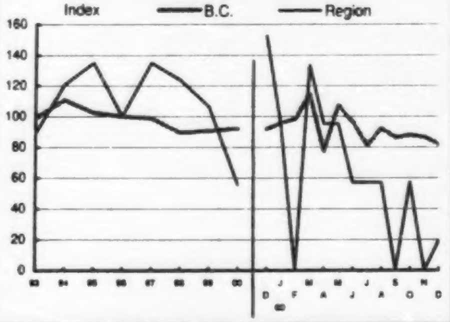


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorp-orations
1993	56
1994	76
1995	85
1996	63
1997	85
1998	78
1999	67
2000	35
Jan-Dec 99	67
Jan-Dec 00	35

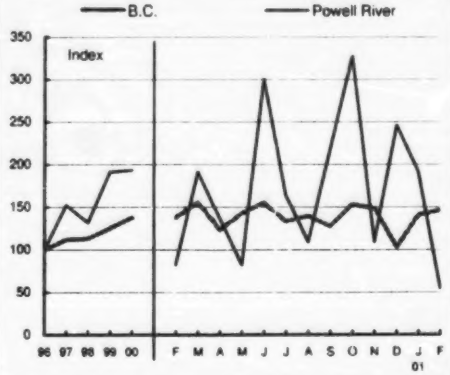
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



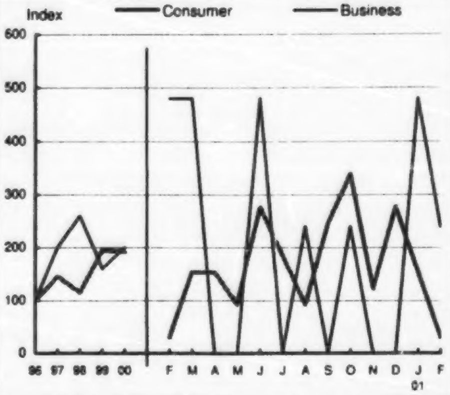
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Powell River		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	39	5	472	99	6,436	948
1997	57	10	646	120	7,366	895
1998	45	13	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	76	8	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	75	10	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	12	4	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	6	3	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Powell River Indices 1996=100



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Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Powell River Regional District	Sep '98	8.7	11.0	12.1	8.2	3.5
	Dec '98	8.5	11.0	13.0	7.6	3.8
	Mar '99	8.7	11.3	13.0	7.9	3.6
	Jun '99	7.8	10.3	11.6	6.9	3.6
	Sep '99	7.7	10.0	10.5	7.0	3.6
	Dec '99	7.9	10.2	10.1	7.3	3.6
	Mar '00	8.4	10.8	11.9	7.6	3.6
	Jun '00	7.8	10.0	11.5	7.0	3.6
	Sep '00	7.7	9.8	11.0	6.9	3.6
	Dec '00	7.6	9.6	11.0	6.9	3.6

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

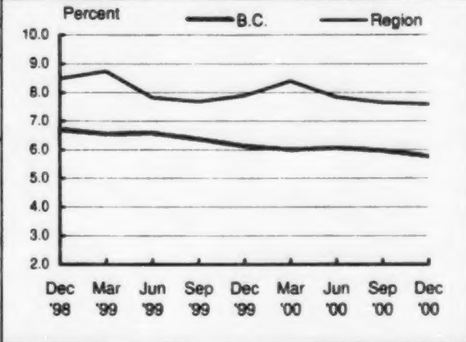
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	3.6	4.6	4.0	1.4	Sep '98
	4.9	5.6	5.7	1.6	Dec '98
	4.9	5.1	5.7	1.5	Mar '99
	3.0	3.0	3.5	1.1	Jun '99
	2.8	2.7	3.3	1.2	Sep '99
	3.9	3.7	4.5	1.5	Dec '99
	3.9	3.5	4.6	1.5	Mar '00
	2.8	2.0	3.3	1.7	Jun '00
	2.2	2.2	2.5	1.0	Sep '00

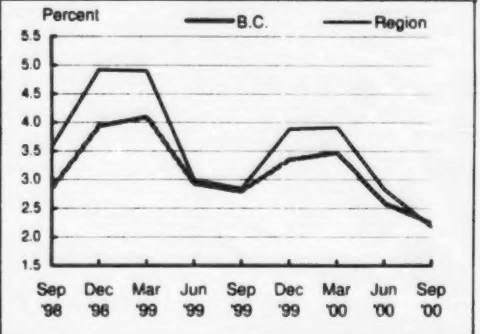
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,328	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.9	41.2
1-2 Years	16.9	17.8
>2 Years	37.2	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

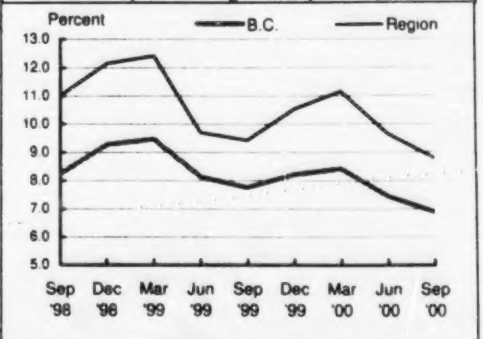
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Powell River Regional District	Sep '98	11.0	16.2	11.8	4.7
	Dec '98	12.2	18.0	13.0	5.1
	Mar '99	12.4	17.7	13.5	5.1
	Jun '99	9.7	14.4	10.3	4.6
	Sep '99	9.4	12.8	10.1	4.7
	Dec '99	10.5	13.6	11.5	5.1
	Mar '00	11.2	15.1	12.0	5.3
	Jun '00	9.6	13.2	10.1	5.5
	Sep '00	8.8	12.7	9.2	4.6

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Powell River
Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio of this area is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on the forest sector, which tends to be male-dominated. The median age of the population is higher than the provincial median, probably due to the efforts to attract retirees to the area.

14 Projection

Although this area is attempting to diversify its economy, developments in the forest sector will continue to have important impacts. It is likely that economic cycles in the forest sector will continue to affect the employment base of the area and the net migration to this area, averaged over the long-term, is likely to be slightly negative. In the short-term, developments at the mill will likely result in population declines as layoffs occur. In addition, due to the ageing population, the natural increase (i.e., births minus deaths) is expected to become negative in the next few years. Combined with small net out-migration, this means that the population for this area will decline slowly over time.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

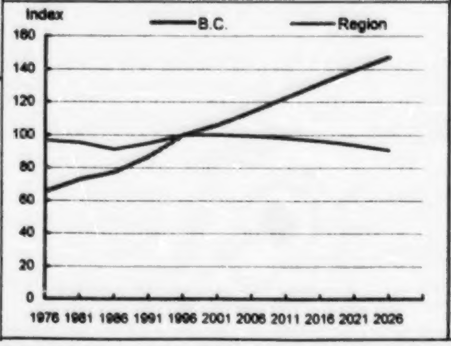
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	5.3	2.3	5.4	3.8	1.6	20.0	6.5	0.594	0.138	0.733	1976
1981	1.2	4.4	2.5	5.6	3.9	2.0	19.7	7.0	0.471	0.169	0.640	1981
1986	1.3	3.7	1.9	5.6	4.1	2.3	18.9	7.1	0.428	0.198	0.626	1986
1991	1.3	3.6	1.6	6.0	4.5	2.7	19.7	7.6	0.402	0.220	0.622	1991
1996	1.2	3.7	1.5	6.0	5.1	3.1	20.7	8.4	0.392	0.242	0.634	1996
2001	1.0	3.6	1.7	5.4	5.7	3.4	20.7	8.5	0.360	0.265	0.625	2001
2006	0.9	3.1	1.9	4.8	6.2	3.7	20.6	8.9	0.309	0.283	0.592	2006
2011	0.9	2.6	1.7	4.6	6.4	4.1	20.3	9.4	0.283	0.320	0.603	2011
2016	0.9	2.4	1.5	4.6	5.9	4.6	19.9	9.7	0.274	0.378	0.652	2016
2021	0.9	2.4	1.2	4.7	5.2	5.1	19.4	9.7	0.289	0.457	0.746	2021
2026	0.8	2.3	1.1	4.4	4.6	5.5	18.8	9.5	0.302	0.539	0.841	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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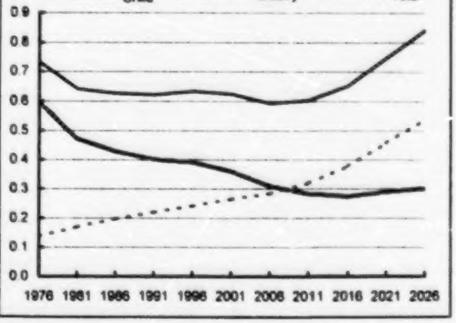

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Masset, Port Clements, Port Edward, Prince Rupert

Fishing and forestry are the primary economic activities in this region. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver region.

Developments affecting this region include cutbacks in the forest sector and the possibility of further restrictions to be imposed on the fishing industry in order to avoid depletion of salmon stocks. The Prince Rupert area has faced several difficulties in the last couple of years and there has been some significant movement from the area and this out-migration is likely to continue if there is no improvement in the resource sectors.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Skeena-Queen Charlotte							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	663	799	60	24	10	893	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	200	99	3	2	1	105	11.8%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities		4	0	0	0	4	0.4%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	76	64	4	0	0	68	7.6%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	18	35	6	2	3	46	5.2%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	19	29	2	0	0	31	3.5%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	45	119	9	4	0	132	14.8%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	68	62	4	2	2	70	7.8%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	5	2	0	0	7	0.8%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	27	13	1	1	0	15	1.7%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	61	22	1	1	0	24	2.7%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	31	55	0	0	0	55	6.2%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	10	9	0	0	0	9	1.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	28	41	3	0	0	44	4.9%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	2	7	0	1	2	10	1.1%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	5	49	8	2	1	60	6.7%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	7	26	0	0	0	26	2.9%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	21	78	13	6	0	97	10.9%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	41	72	2	0	0	74	8.3%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		10	2	3	1	16	1.8%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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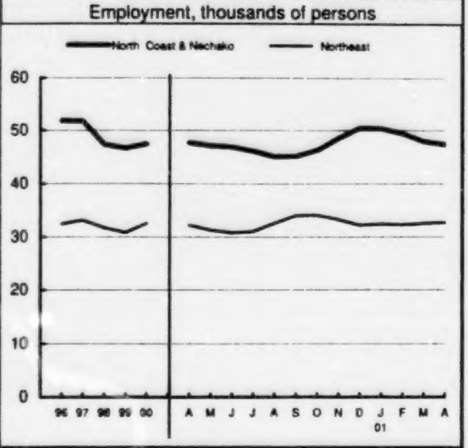
Regional District

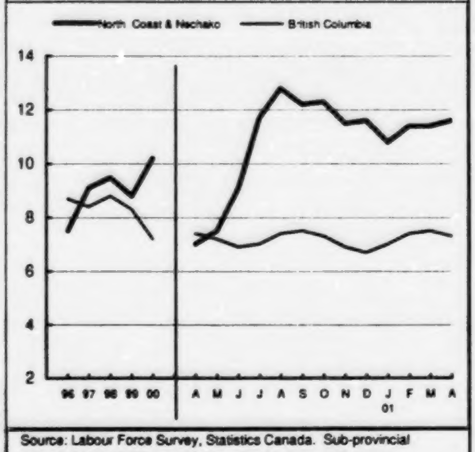
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako Emp. ('000)	North Coast & Nechako Unemp. %	Northeast Emp. ('000)	Northeast Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1991						1,572.6	10.1
1992						1,620.3	10.2
1993						1,675.9	9.7
1994						1,754.0	9.0
1995		49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
1996		51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
1997		51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
1998		47.4	9.5	31.7	4.0	1,870.2	8.8
1999		46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
2000		47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	31.9	7.0	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	32.2	5.6	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	33.0	3.5	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	32.2	3.9	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	31.3	5.4	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	30.8	7.5	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	31.0	9.4	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	32.6	8.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	34.0	7.1	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	34.1	5.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	33.3	5.7	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	32.2	5.8	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	32.4	4.7	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	32.3	4.2	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	32.5	4.4	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	32.7	5.5	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	47.6	7.2	32.4	4.0	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	47.7	11.6	32.6	4.8	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	0.2		0.6		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



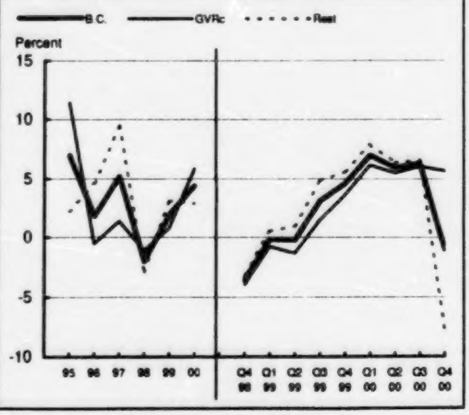
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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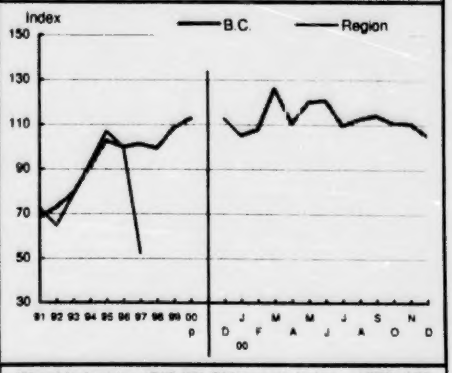
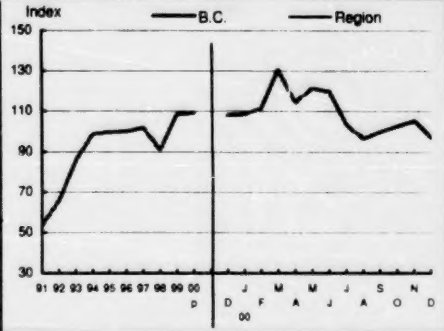
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	2	2	3	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	2	2	4	4
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	5	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	14	25	28	25
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.9	2.0	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	379.4	**	517.8	484.2	253.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	23	28	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,859	**	1,594	1,708	1,137
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.8	0.9	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	72.5	**	67.0	72.7	50.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

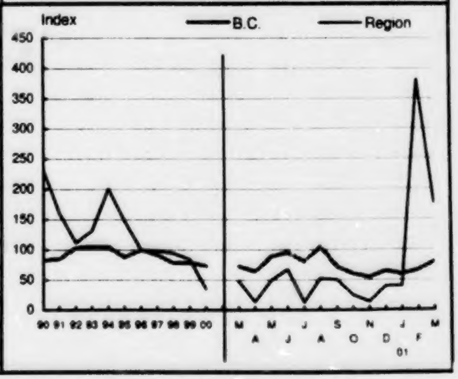


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	11.1	7.0	3.9	2.4	0.7	4.1	27
1994	16.9	9.9	6.5	1.3	2.2	7.0	63
1995	12.5	4.4	0.9	2.7	0.8	8.0	62
1996	8.5	2.7	0.3	1.1	1.3	5.8	36
1997	8.3	4.4	1.8	1.8	0.7	3.9	23
1998	8.0	5.7	2.6	2.2	0.9	2.2	10
1999	7.1	4.7	0.2	1.2	3.3	2.4	12
2000	2.9	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.1	1.7	6
Mar '00	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0
Mar '01	4.2	3.7	0.9	2.4	0.4	0.5	1

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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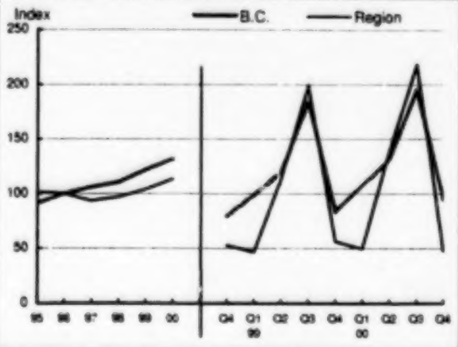
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	1996	10,050.4	1,746.5	2,721.5	4,304.3	1,278.0
	1997	9,383.3	1,344.4	2,589.8	4,175.5	1,273.6
	1998	9,726.4	1,173.1	2,814.2	4,410.5	1,328.6
	1999	10,408.0	1,167.8	2,831.5	4,992.4	1,416.3
	2000	11,387.0	1,248.3	3,462.6	5,475.8	1,200.3
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Skeena-Q.Charlotte 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	11,387.0	100.0%
Hotels	6,638.7	58.3%
Motels	2,389.9	21.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

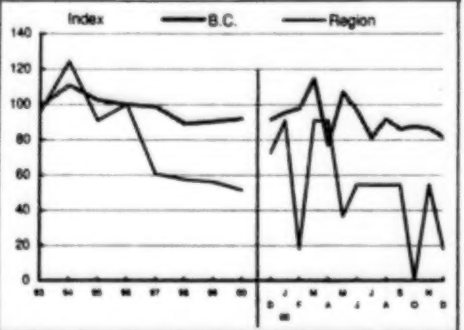


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	63
1994	82
1995	60
1996	66
1997	40
1998	38
1999	37
2000	34
Jan-Dec 99	37
Jan-Dec 00	34

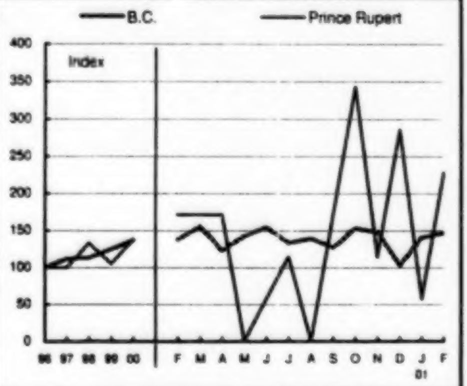
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



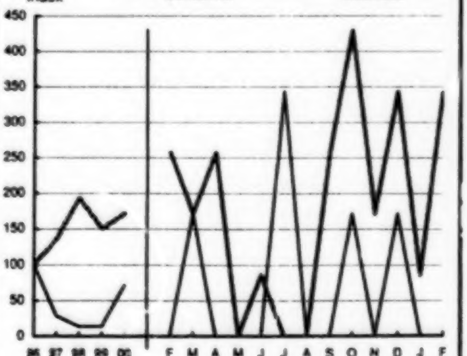
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	14	7	472	99	6,436	948
1997	19	2	646	120	7,366	895
1998	27	1	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	21	1	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	24	5	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	4	0	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	5	0	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince Rupert Indices 1996=100



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First Quarter, 2001

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Sep '98	10.0	13.3	15.9	7.7	4.7
	Dec '98	11.1	13.9	18.3	8.9	4.7
	Mar '99	10.9	13.8	18.2	8.6	4.4
	Jun '99	10.1	13.2	14.9	8.2	4.4
	Sep '99	8.3	11.4	11.0	6.4	4.4
	Dec '99	9.4	12.6	14.0	7.4	4.4
	Mar '00	9.2	12.2	14.1	7.3	4.4
	Jun '00	10.2	14.2	14.0	7.9	4.4
	Sep '00	8.5	12.2	11.4	6.4	4.4
	Dec '00	9.5	12.7	13.8	7.5	4.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

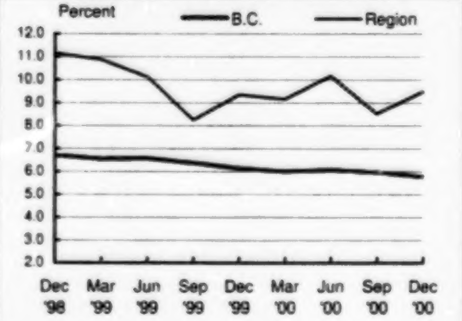
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
4.3	3.4	4.5	3.7	Sep '98
9.3	6.8	9.7	9.1	Dec '98
9.3	8.4	9.6	8.3	Mar '99
4.9	3.5	5.3	3.9	Jun '99
3.5	2.7	3.7	2.8	Sep '99
8.1	5.4	8.5	8.5	Dec '99
8.0	5.8	8.4	7.9	Mar '00
3.5	2.5	3.7	2.9	Jun '00
2.6	1.3	2.9	1.7	Sep '00

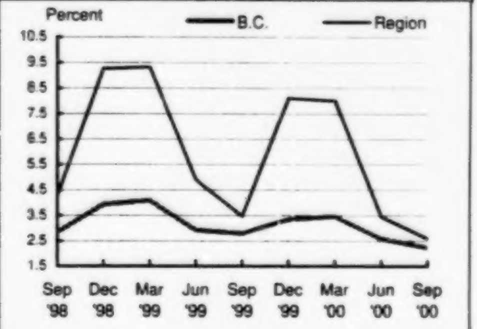
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,012	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	56.1	41.2
1-2 Years	17.3	17.8
>2 Years	26.6	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1995. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

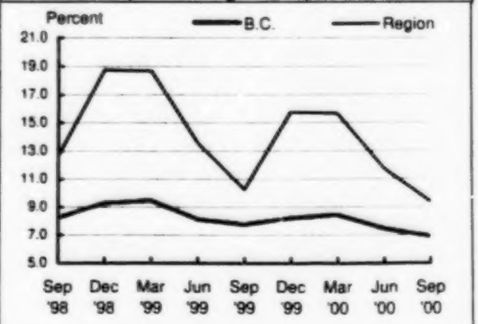
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Sep '98	12.6	18.9	12.1	9.0
	Dec '98	18.8	24.5	18.3	15.3
	Mar '99	18.7	26.0	18.1	14.2
	Jun '99	13.5	18.3	13.4	9.3
	Sep '99	10.2	13.6	10.1	7.4
	Dec '99	15.7	19.1	15.6	12.9
	Mar '00	15.7	19.6	15.5	12.1
	Jun '00	11.7	16.2	11.5	8.0
	Sep '00	9.4	12.6	9.2	6.7

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally experienced net migration outflows over the last 25 years. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) has offset the migration outflows to some extent, but in some years there has been a population decline.

The gender ratio for this area is substantially weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on male-dominated resource industries. Since men tend to have lower life expectancies than women, the median age at death is substantially lower than the provincial median. The overall median age is also significantly lower than for the province as a whole and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is much higher than the provincial ratio, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population, which is much lower than the provincial ratio. Also, the total fertility rate in this region is substantially higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

This region has generally experienced net outflows of migrants and it is expected that this trend will continue, particularly if the situation in the resource sectors worsens. However, the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) should more than offset any losses due to migration, except in the short-term, and the population of this area should continue to grow as a result.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

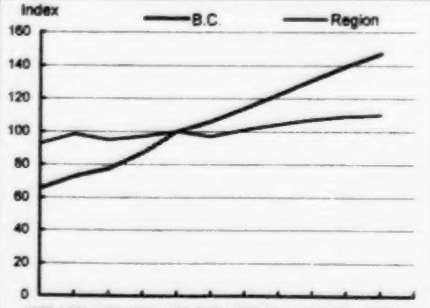
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.4	6.2	3.5	7.3	3.5	1.0	23.9	6.8	0.604	0.069	0.673	1976
1981	2.4	5.9	4.1	8.6	3.4	1.1	25.4	7.9	0.513	0.066	0.579	1981
1986	2.3	5.3	3.1	8.9	3.7	1.2	24.5	8.0	0.486	0.078	0.564	1986
1991	2.4	5.1	2.6	9.2	4.2	1.5	25.1	8.6	0.471	0.091	0.562	1991
1996	2.2	5.4	2.6	9.3	4.9	1.5	25.9	9.2	0.454	0.091	0.545	1996
2001	1.8	5.0	2.5	8.6	5.6	1.6	25.1	9.0	0.412	0.095	0.508	2001
2006	1.8	4.9	2.5	8.1	6.9	2.0	26.1	9.6	0.378	0.112	0.490	2006
2011	1.7	4.6	2.5	7.5	8.0	2.6	27.0	10.4	0.346	0.144	0.490	2011
2016	1.7	4.3	2.5	7.4	8.4	3.5	27.7	11.3	0.330	0.195	0.525	2016
2021	1.6	4.2	2.2	7.3	8.2	4.6	28.2	11.8	0.329	0.260	0.589	2021
2026	1.6	4.1	2.1	7.1	7.7	5.7	28.4	12.2	0.335	0.336	0.672	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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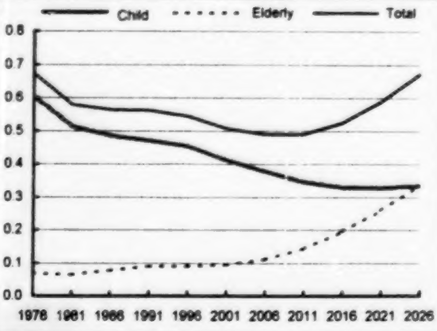


Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, Whistler

Tourism has overtaken forestry as the main economic driver for this region, mostly on the strength of the ski resort at Whistler. The Whistler resort community has made efforts recently to expand its summer attractions in order to become an all-season tourist area, and this should reduce the seasonality of the resident population to some extent. The forest sector is still the dominant activity in the Lillooet area.

Developments that will affect the population in this region include several tourism-related projects including a couple of new resorts that are planned that could take some of the growth pressure off Whistler.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Squamish-Lillooet							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,196	1,237	148	54	8	1,447	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	69	92	13	3	0	108	7.5%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	6	0	0	0	6	0.4%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities		0	0	1	0	1	0.1%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	269	195	8	1	0	204	14.1%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	34	54	6	2	2	64	4.4%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	44	42	2	0	0	44	3.0%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	89	198	20	3	0	221	15.3%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	50	58	7	0	0	65	4.5%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	16	17	1	0	0	18	1.2%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	45	18	3	1	0	22	1.5%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	169	55	6	4	0	65	4.5%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	119	99	4	1	0	104	7.2%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	53	15	1	0	0	16	1.1%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	80	71	6	1	0	78	5.4%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	1	14	1	1	1	17	1.2%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	59	5	3	1	68	4.7%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	31	31	10	1	2	44	3.0%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	64	103	50	28	1	182	12.6%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	53	98	1	2	1	102	7.0%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		12	4	2	0	18	1.2%	0.5%	850

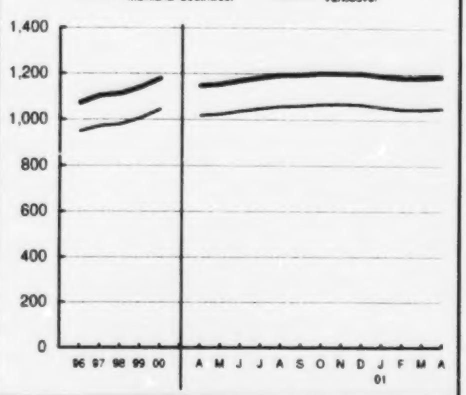
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

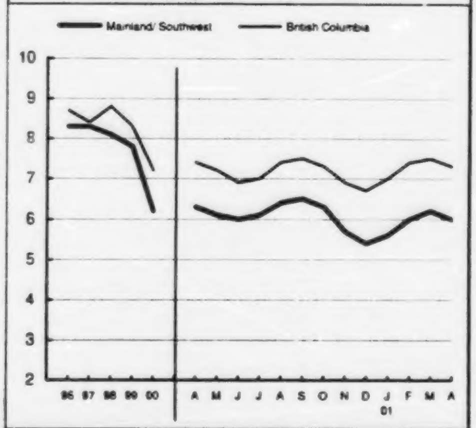
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest Emp. ('000)	Mainland/ Southwest Unemp %	Vancouver Emp ('000)	Vancouver Unemp %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp %
1991				832.8	8.5	1,572.6	10.1
1992				859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
1993				869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
1994				908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
1995		1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
1996		1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
1997		1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
1998		1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
1999		1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
2000		1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,143.3	7.1	1,005.7	6.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,147.2	6.8	1,011.5	6.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,143.8	6.7	1,011.8	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,147.2	6.3	1,017.3	6.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,153.4	6.1	1,023.1	5.8	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,169.1	6.0	1,036.6	5.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,181.9	6.1	1,048.4	5.9	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,192.9	6.4	1,058.3	6.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,196.1	6.5	1,062.3	6.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,202.1	6.3	1,066.7	6.1	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,202.5	5.7	1,069.3	5.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,202.5	5.4	1,067.2	5.2	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	1,144.5	6.6	1,013.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	1,183.2	6.1	1,046.1	6.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	3.4		3.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



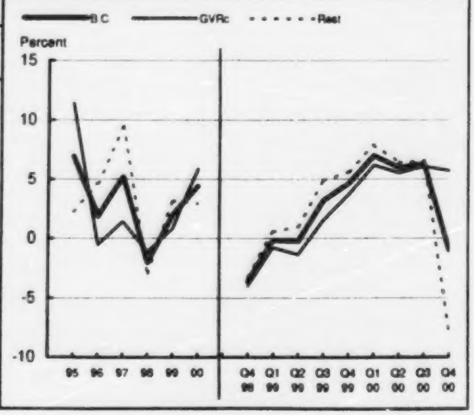
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

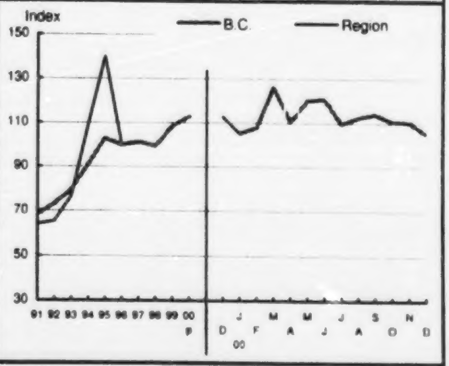


Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

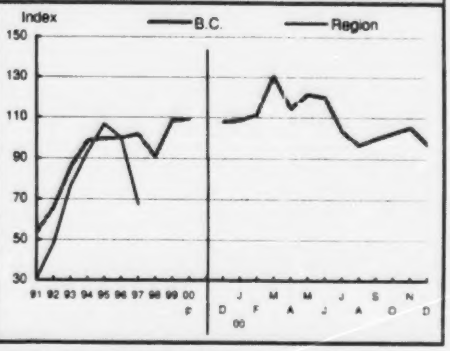
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	8	9	8	8	8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	5	4	4	5
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	17	19	22	23	26
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	126.3	153.8	176.4	165.5	111.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.7	2.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	261.5	373.6	478.9	342.0	344.9
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	0	4	0	0	0
25	Wood	436	447	432	462	393
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	5	25
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	889	976	976	973	984
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	19.2	18.8	19.9	22.6	19.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.2	1.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	41.3	45.4	47.8	48.4	49.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

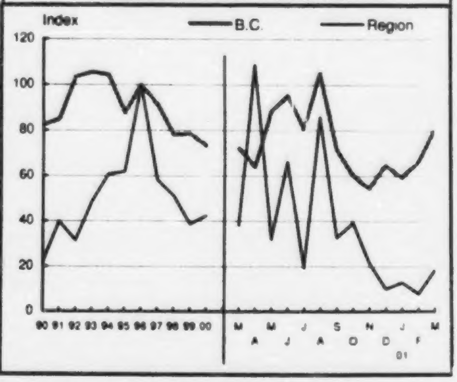


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	108.4	38.2	0.7	34.5	3.1	70.2	668
1994	135.4	50.2	1.6	34.7	14.0	85.1	674
1995	138.4	71.1	4.4	52.1	14.6	67.3	578
1996	223.7	96.3	2.9	92.0	1.3	127.5	1,042
1997	130.0	44.7	1.8	40.7	2.1	85.2	641
1998	114.8	65.9	1.2	63.2	1.6	48.9	295
1999	86.3	20.0	0.7	16.9	2.5	66.3	432
2000	94.4	44.9	1.9	33.1	9.9	49.6	250
Mar '00	17.1	7.0	0.1	1.0	5.9	10.1	65
Mar '01	7.3	2.1	0.0	1.6	0.5	5.2	28

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

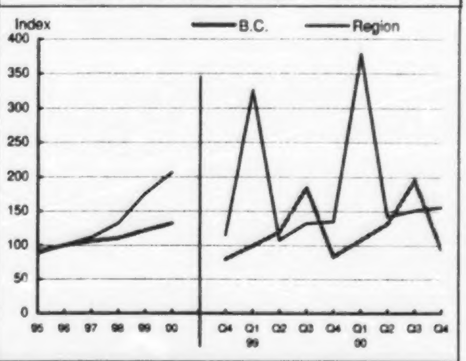
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	1996	91,730.2	42,617.4	12,730.0	18,984.8	17,398.1
	1997	101,975.0	45,044.4	14,411.8	22,224.1	20,294.7
	1998	121,006.3	52,213.1	14,457.2	27,986.5	26,349.5
	1999	160,495.0	74,717.9	24,627.9	30,295.1	30,854.1
	2000	189,409.8	86,523.6	32,481.6	34,675.7	35,729.0
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Squamish-Lillooet 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	189,409.8	100.0%	Vacation Rentals	28,425.3	15.0%
Hotels	153,537.2	81.1%			
76+ Rooms	120,319.8	63.5%			
1-75 Rooms	33,217.4	17.5%			
Motels	2,475.5	1.3%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

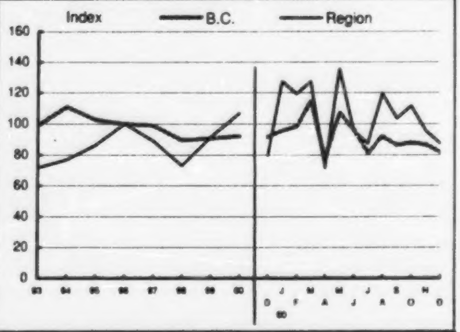


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	108
1994	116
1995	130
1996	151
1997	134
1998	110
1999	138
2000	161
Jan-Dec 99	138
Jan-Dec 00	161

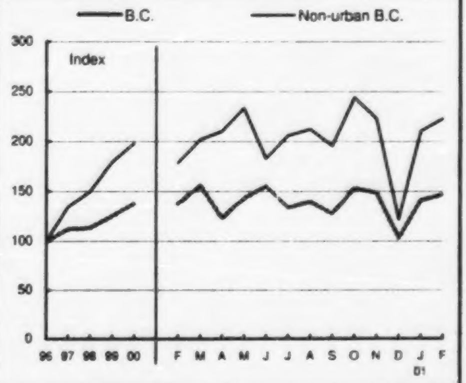
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



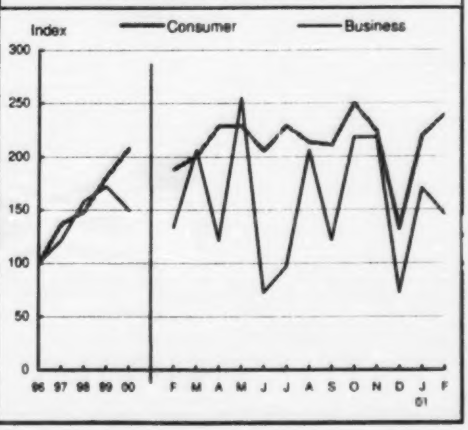
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	472	99	6,436	948
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) / Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families / Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women / Tot. Female 19-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Sep '98	4.2	6.5	4.0	3.3	2.1
	Dec '98	4.6	6.7	5.1	3.6	2.2
	Mar '99	4.1	6.3	4.2	3.2	2.0
	Jun '99	4.0	6.0	4.4	3.1	2.0
	Sep '99	3.3	5.2	3.4	2.6	2.0
	Dec '99	3.3	5.1	3.2	2.6	2.0
	Mar '00	3.1	4.8	2.8	2.5	2.0
	Jun '00	2.9	4.5	2.5	2.3	2.0
	Sep '00	2.8	4.5	2.3	2.1	2.0
	Dec '00	3.0	4.8	2.7	2.3	2.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

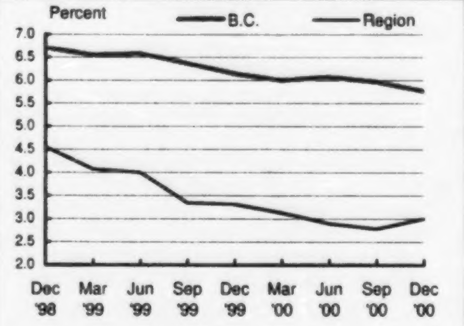
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64	
3.2	2.3	3.5	2.7	Sep '98
4.4	3.3	4.7	3.6	Dec '98
4.4	3.9	4.7	3.5	Mar '99
3.2	2.9	3.5	1.9	Jun '99
2.9	2.4	3.2	1.5	Sep '99
3.4	2.6	3.7	2.3	Dec '99
3.3	2.6	3.6	2.4	Mar '00
2.7	1.7	3.0	1.9	Jun '00
2.3	1.8	2.6	1.5	Sep '00

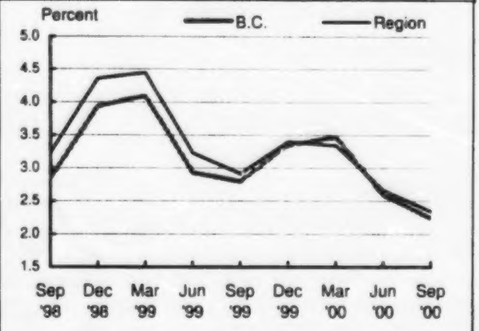
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	941	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	50.3	41.2
1-2 Years	14.9	17.8
>2 Years	34.7	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

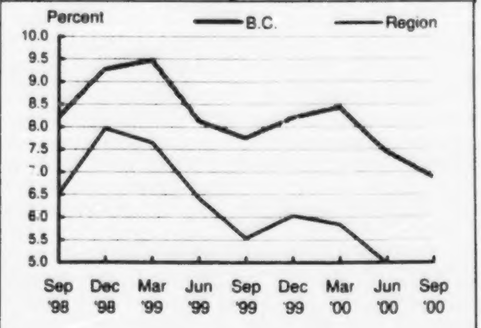
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) / Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) / Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) / Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) / Total Pop. 55-64
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Sep '98	6.5	6.2	6.7	5.2
	Dec '98	8.0	8.1	8.1	6.4
	Mar '99	7.7	7.9	7.8	6.2
	Jun '99	6.4	7.0	6.5	5.0
	Sep '99	5.5	5.6	5.7	4.3
	Dec '99	6.0	5.7	6.2	5.2
	Mar '00	5.8	5.2	6.0	5.4
	Jun '00	5.0	4.2	5.2	4.7
	Sep '00	4.5	4.0	4.7	4.2

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

13 Demographics

Migration to this area has been strong in recent years, particularly as Whistler grows in popularity as a tourist destination. The forest sector still dominates the economy and this is evident in the gender ratio, which is significantly biased in favour of males, since forest employment tends to be male-dominated. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

The median age of the population of this region is substantially younger than the provincial median, and this is due to a small proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) compared to the province as a whole. The ratio of elderly to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is less than half the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

This area has one of the fastest growing populations in British Columbia. As the burgeoning tourism industry continues to supplant forestry as the main economic activity, there will likely be more stable migration patterns, and the outflows in the early eighties will likely not be seen again. As the Whistler resort expands its operations to become an all-season resort, the seasonal variation in the resident population should be reduced. The projection is for strong, sustained growth for this region, with the population more than doubling in 25 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

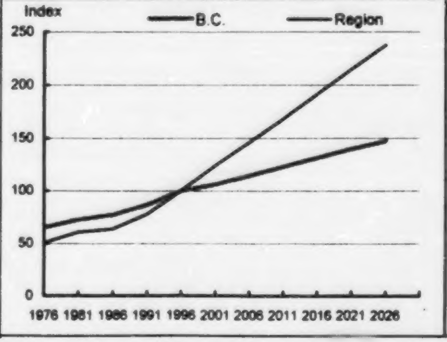
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	4.3	2.4	4.8	2.5	0.6	16.2	4.9	0.604	0.064	0.669	1976
1981	1.9	4.3	2.8	6.5	3.0	0.9	19.5	6.5	0.508	0.073	0.580	1981
1986	1.8	4.2	2.3	7.5	3.4	1.3	20.5	7.3	0.452	0.102	0.553	1986
1991	2.1	4.8	2.5	9.9	4.2	1.6	25.1	9.0	0.416	0.093	0.509	1991
1996	2.4	5.6	3.7	12.9	5.7	1.9	32.1	11.5	0.359	0.083	0.442	1996
2001	2.3	6.3	5.1	15.7	7.8	2.5	39.8	15.4	0.301	0.088	0.389	2001
2006	2.8	6.1	6.1	17.8	10.7	3.3	46.8	18.5	0.257	0.094	0.351	2006
2011	3.4	6.3	6.2	20.1	13.9	4.1	54.0	21.8	0.241	0.103	0.344	2011
2016	3.9	7.2	6.1	22.9	15.8	5.7	61.6	24.7	0.249	0.127	0.376	2016
2021	4.2	8.6	6.0	25.2	17.3	7.6	68.9	27.1	0.264	0.157	0.421	2021
2026	4.4	9.8	6.7	26.0	19.3	10.1	76.2	29.6	0.273	0.194	0.467	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

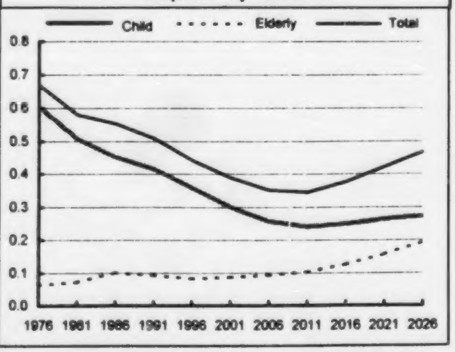
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

1 General Economy

Mining, tourism and forestry are all important contributors to the economy in this region. In the forest sector, the threefold increase to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area could have significantly positive repercussions for this area, and could result in relatively large inflows of population, particularly if a large processing facility is built. Even in the absence of the processing facility, the road construction that would have to coincide with the harvesting would open up the area and increase the potential for new mines and new communities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

	Industry Sector	Stikine							British Columbia	
	based on NAICS Canada	Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	(North American Industrial Classification System)	No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	49	50	4	2	0	56	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	2	2	0	0	0	2	3.6%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	3	4	0	0	0	4	7.1%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	6	8	0	1	0	9	16.1%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	2	3	0	0	0	3	5.4%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	7	8	0	0	0	8	14.3%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	7	6	0	0	0	6	10.7%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.8%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3	2	1	0	0	3	5.4%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.8%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	1	1	0	1	0	2	3.6%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance		0	1	0	0	1	1.8%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2	4	0	0	0	4	7.1%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	4	5	2	0	0	7	12.5%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	5	3	0	0	0	3	5.4%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		2	0	0	0	2	3.6%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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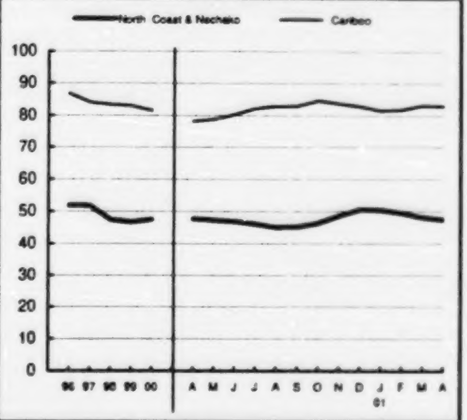
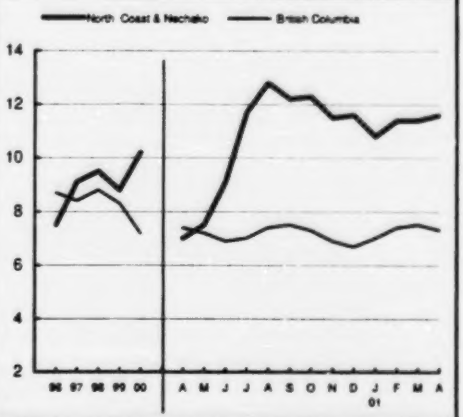
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1991					1,572.6	10.1
	1992					1,620.3	10.2
	1993					1,675.9	9.7
	1994					1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	48.1	7.8	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	47.9	7.7	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	47.7	7.6	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	47.7	7.0	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
	May	47.2	7.5	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	46.9	9.1	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	46.1	11.7	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	45.1	12.8	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	45.2	12.2	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	46.3	12.3	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	48.6	11.5	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	50.5	11.6	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	50.4	10.8	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	49.5	11.4	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	48.0	11.4	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	47.4	11.6	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	47.6	7.2	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	47.7	11.6	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	0.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



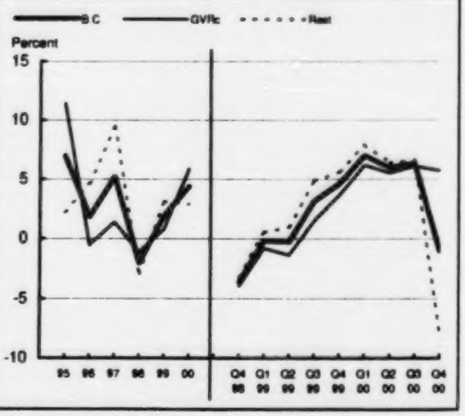
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
Year or Year/Quarter		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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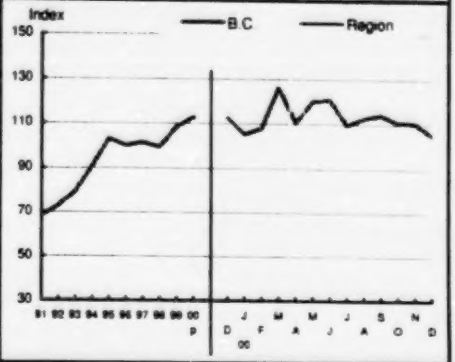
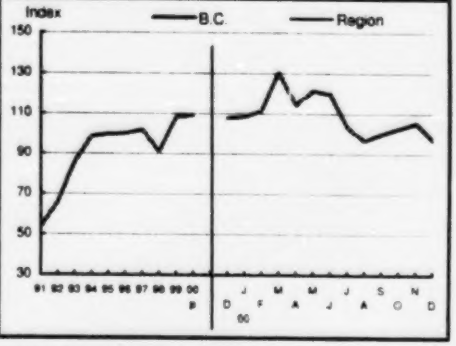
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	1	1	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1	1	2	1	1
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	**	**	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

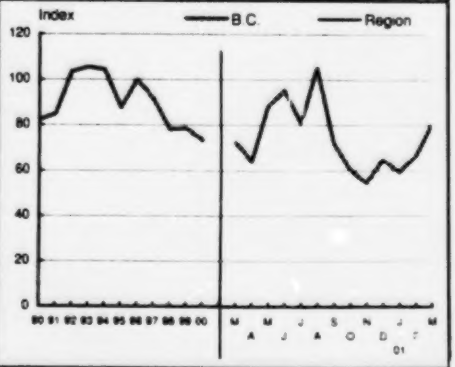


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1994	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1995	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar '00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mar '01	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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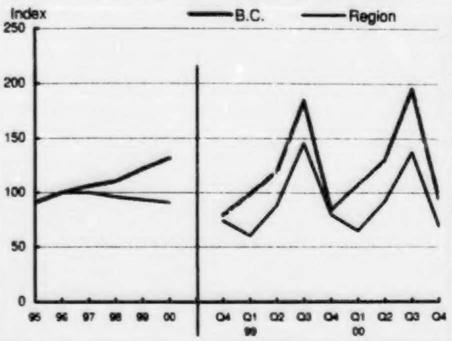
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Bulkley-Nechako R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Stikine Regional District	1996	9,302.3	1,533.1	2,356.5	3,452.3	1,960.5
	1997	9,301.2	1,555.2	2,332.5	3,470.5	1,943.0
	1998	8,932.1	1,457.6	2,355.6	3,397.9	1,721.0
	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,446.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,605.7
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Stikine 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,446.5	100.0%
Hotels	2,808.2	33.2%
Motels	4,404.5	52.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

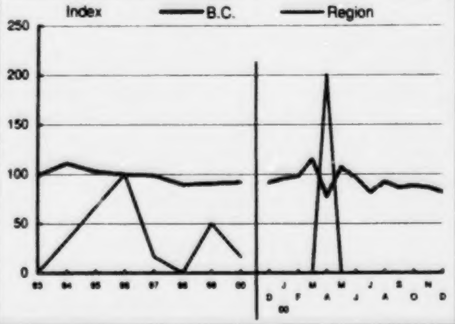


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	0
1994	2
1995	4
1996	6
1997	1
1998	0
1999	3
2000	1
Jan-Dec 99	3
Jan-Dec 00	1

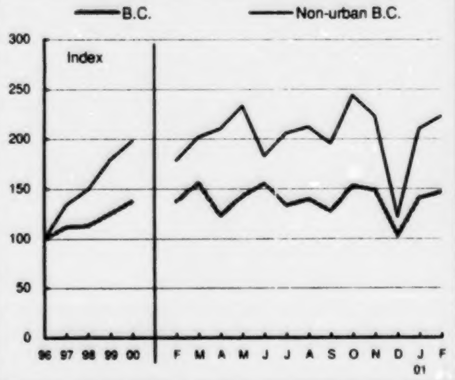
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



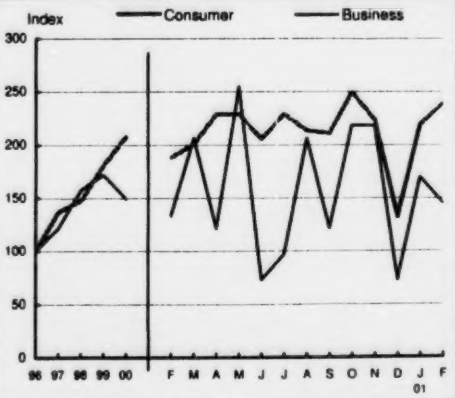
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	472	99	6,436	948
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Stikine Regional District	Sep '98	2.0	3.7	-	1.2	1.6
	Dec '98	3.3	5.4	5.7	2.5	-
	Mar '99	4.1	7.2	8.5	2.9	2.5
	Jun '99	1.7	-	-	1.7	2.5
	Sep '99	1.7	3.4	-	1.5	2.5
	Dec '99	3.5	4.3	8.8	2.7	2.5
	Mar '00	4.0	5.1	10.6	3.3	2.5
	Jun '00	2.1	-	-	2.1	2.5
	Sep '00	2.3	3.8	-	2.1	2.5
	Dec '00	2.6	4.3	-	2.3	2.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

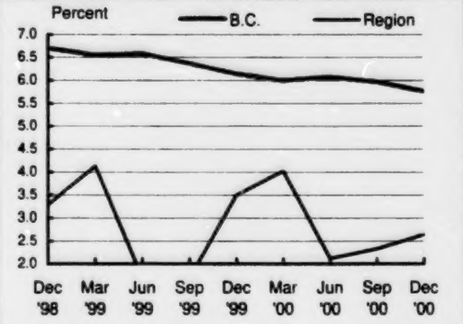
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	-	3.9	3.9	Sep '98
9.4	11.7	9.4	7.0	Dec '98
10.5	14.4	10.8	6.2	Mar '99
4.8	-	5.2	-	Jun '99
4.3	-	4.9	-	Sep '99
8.9	8.6	9.7	5.5	Dec '99
8.9	9.6	9.3	6.9	Mar '00
3.2	-	2.8	5.5	Jun '00
2.1	-	1.7	-	Sep '00

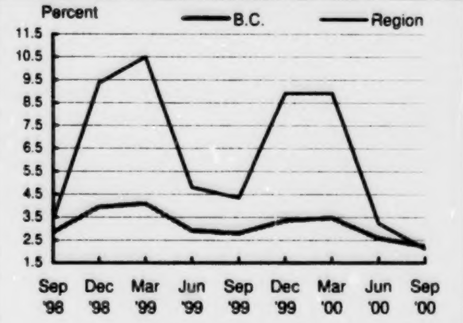
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	28	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	96.0	41.2
1-2 Years	-	17.8
>2 Years	-	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

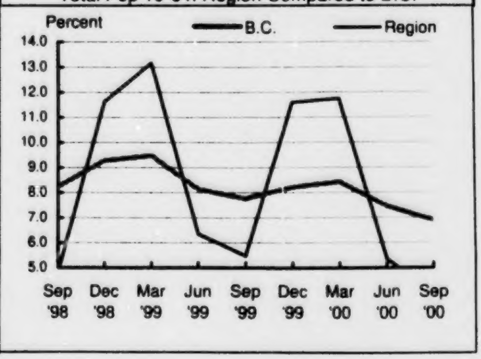
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Stikine Regional District	Sep '98	4.8	-	5.0	4.9
	Dec '98	11.6	16.2	11.7	7.2
	Mar '99	13.2	22.9	13.1	6.4
	Jun '99	6.3	7.2	7.0	2.9
	Sep '99	5.5	3.8	6.5	2.2
	Dec '99	11.6	14.7	12.1	7.0
	Mar '00	11.7	16.9	11.9	7.1
	Jun '00	5.3	7.8	4.7	6.6
	Sep '00	4.0	6.3	3.8	-

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Stikine
Region

13 Demographics

This area is sparsely populated and this results in rather erratic demographic statistics. However, the remoteness of the area means that the age structure of the population is consistently younger than that of the province as a whole. The median age is significantly lower than the provincial median, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is significantly lower than the ratio for the province as a whole. Another consistent statistic is that the gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

The developments in the forest sector should lead to substantial population growth for this area. Most of this increase will be driven by net inflows of migrants, drawn to the area by the increase in employment opportunities resulting from the increased AAC.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

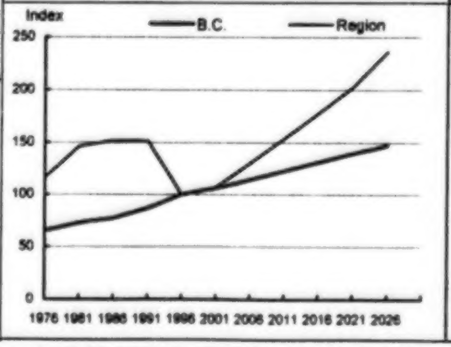
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.7	0.5	0.605	0.028	0.633	1976
1981	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.0	2.1	0.6	0.535	0.023	0.558	1981
1986	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	0.8	0.547	0.034	0.581	1986
1991	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	2.2	0.8	0.449	0.053	0.501	1991
1996	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.6	0.401	0.066	0.467	1996
2001	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.6	0.6	0.348	0.100	0.448	2001
2006	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.2	1.9	0.8	0.338	0.133	0.471	2006
2011	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.3	2.2	1.0	0.314	0.184	0.499	2011
2016	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.4	2.6	1.2	0.308	0.223	0.530	2016
2021	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.9	0.8	0.5	2.9	1.4	0.296	0.236	0.532	2021
2026	0.1	0.5	0.3	1.0	1.0	0.5	3.4	1.7	0.291	0.217	0.508	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

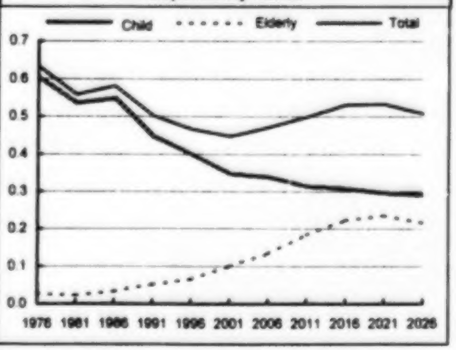
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Gibsons, Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District

Forestry is the main economic driver for this area, with two large processing facilities at Port Mellon, and considerable employment in harvesting throughout the region. The area has also become somewhat of a retirement centre. The proximity to Vancouver, combined with relatively inexpensive housing, helps draw retirees to the area.

There are plans to upgrade the ferry transportation to this region, which will make the area more accessible and could lead to further population growth. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, regions like this one could experience a burst of population growth.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

		Sunshine Coast							British Columbia	
			Firms with Employees						With Employees	
NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Firms with No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,192	933	48	18	3	1,002	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	124	76	8	3	0	87	8.7%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	7	2	1	0	0	3	0.3%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	286	122	2	2	0	126	12.6%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	58	46	1	2	1	50	5.0%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	43	43	2	0	0	45	4.5%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	91	135	6	3	0	144	14.4%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	55	42	0	0	0	42	4.2%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	23	14	0	0	0	14	1.4%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	50	22	0	1	0	23	2.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	142	40	1	0	0	41	4.1%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	112	80	4	0	0	84	8.4%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	34	13	1	0	0	14	1.4%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	47	42	0	0	0	42	4.2%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	7	8	0	0	1	9	0.9%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	13	69	5	3	1	78	7.8%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	25	19	3	0	0	22	2.2%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	30	76	11	3	0	90	9.0%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	45	79	0	0	0	79	7.9%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		5	3	1	0	9	0.9%	0.5%	850

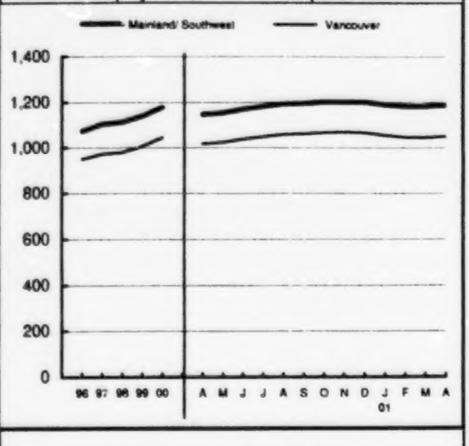
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

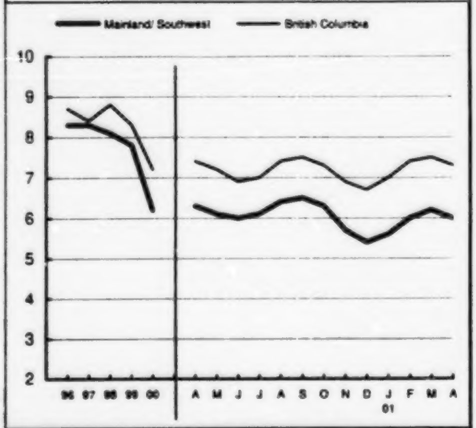
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest Emp. ('000)	Mainland/ Southwest Unemp. %	Vancouver Emp. ('000)	Vancouver Unemp. %	British Columbia Emp. ('000)	British Columbia Unemp. %
	1991			832.8	8.5	1,572.6	10.1
	1992			859.8	9.0	1,620.3	10.2
	1993			869.5	9.3	1,675.9	9.7
	1994			908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000	Jan	1,143.3	7.1	1,005.7	6.8	1,908.0	7.6
	Feb	1,147.2	6.8	1,011.5	6.5	1,913.2	7.5
	Mar	1,143.8	6.7	1,011.8	6.4	1,913.1	7.6
	Apr	1,147.2	6.3	1,017.3	6.0	1,919.7	7.4
	May	1,153.4	6.1	1,023.1	5.8	1,931.9	7.2
	Jun	1,169.1	6.0	1,036.6	5.7	1,953.2	6.9
	Jul	1,181.9	6.1	1,048.4	5.9	1,966.9	7.0
	Aug	1,192.9	6.4	1,058.3	6.2	1,973.3	7.4
	Sep	1,196.1	6.5	1,062.3	6.2	1,968.9	7.5
	Oct	1,202.1	6.3	1,066.7	6.1	1,972.3	7.3
	Nov	1,202.5	5.7	1,069.3	5.5	1,963.9	6.9
	Dec	1,202.5	5.4	1,067.2	5.2	1,961.2	6.7
2001	Jan	1,191.0	5.6	1,055.7	5.4	1,938.9	7.0
	Feb	1,183.9	6.0	1,046.4	5.9	1,928.9	7.4
	Mar	1,183.5	6.2	1,045.7	6.1	1,924.7	7.5
	Apr	1,188.1	6.0	1,050.7	5.9	1,936.5	7.3
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:						year-to-dat	
	Jan-Apr00	1,144.5	6.6	1,013.3	6.2	1,913.9	7.5
	Jan-Apr01	1,183.2	6.1	1,046.1	6.0	1,927.6	7.5
	% Change	3.4		3.2		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



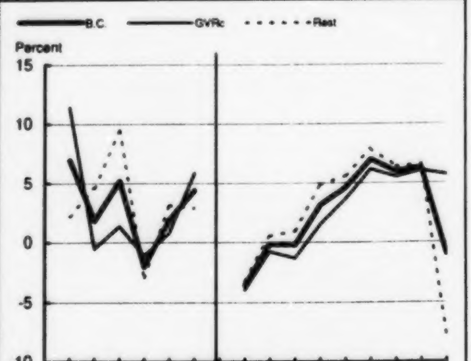
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales B.C.	$ millions of retail sales Greater Vancouver	$ millions of retail sales Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago B.C.	Percent change on year ago Greater Vancouver	Percent change on year ago Rest of Province
	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
Annual data	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
Quarterly data	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

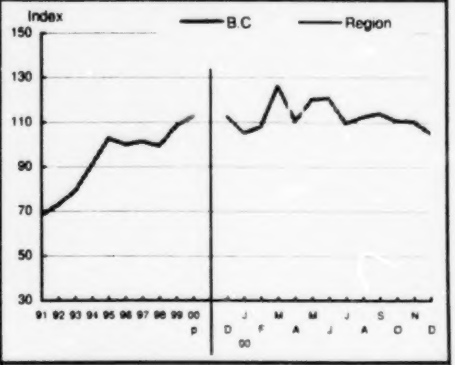


Sunshine Coast
Regional District

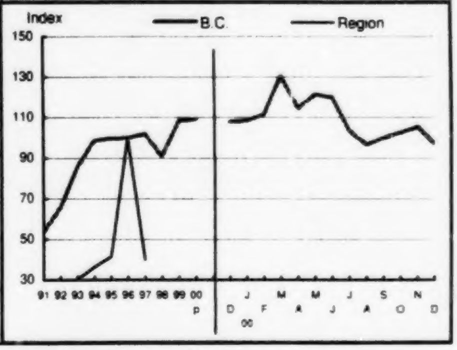
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	Number of Establishments					
10	Food	1	1	2	2	2
25	Wood	4	3	4	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	2	3	4	3
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	15	12	14	14	12
	Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	16.0	18.3	44.2	17.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
	Total Employees (Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	194	195	292	200
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
	Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)					
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	7.8	7.7	10.6	9.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

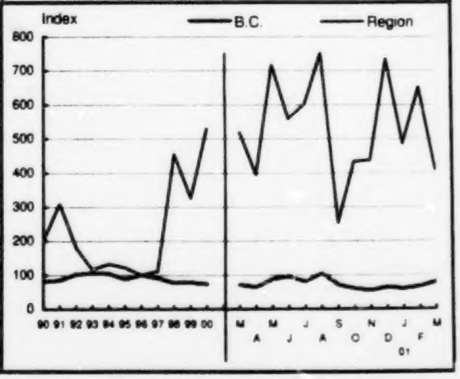


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Comm-ercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	6.5	2.0	0.0	1.4	0.6	4.5	32
1994	7.5	3.1	0.0	0.2	2.9	4.4	47
1995	6.9	2.2	0.0	0.6	1.6	4.6	41
1996	5.7	2.6	0.0	1.6	1.0	3.0	19
1997	6.3	1.8	0.1	1.6	0.1	4.5	23
1998	25.7	7.6	1.0	3.2	3.5	18.1	103
1999	18.4	5.5	0.0	4.9	0.6	12.9	90
2000	29.9	5.4	1.1	4.0	0.3	24.5	150
Mar '00	6.9	2.2	1.0	1.1	0.1	4.8	29
Mar '01	7.3	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	6.6	40

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

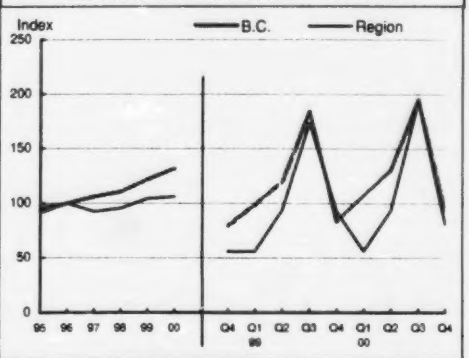
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sunshine Coast Regional District	1996	3,251.7	459.8	835.4	1,397.8	558.7
	1997	3,006.2	407.1	815.6	1,266.3	517.1
	1998	3,100.6	429.0	844.4	1,370.9	456.3
	1999	3,382.6	456.8	760.8	1,413.7	751.3
	2000	3,446.1	458.7	759.5	1,568.4	659.5
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Sunshine Coast 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,446.1	100.0%
Motels	1,603.2	46.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

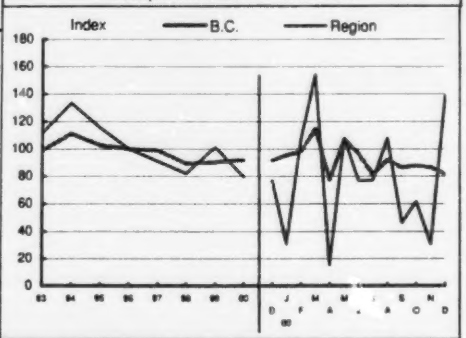


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	87
1994	104
1995	90
1996	78
1997	71
1998	64
1999	79
2000	62
Jan-Dec 99	79
Jan-Dec 00	62

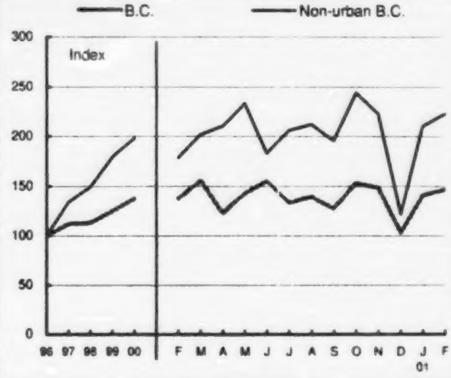
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



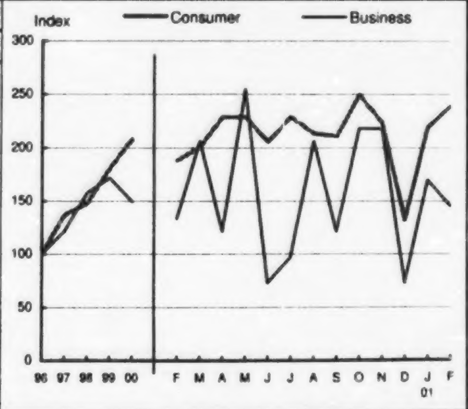
9. Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	472	99	6,436	948
1997	646	120	7,366	895
1998	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1996=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

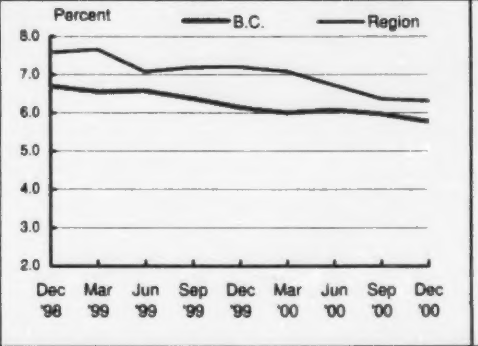
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sep '98	7.5	11.3	9.3	6.4	4.1
	Dec '98	7.6	10.8	10.3	6.7	4.1
	Mar '99	7.7	10.8	9.7	6.9	3.8
	Jun '99	7.1	10.1	8.5	6.3	3.8
	Sep '99	7.2	10.9	8.0	6.2	3.8
	Dec '99	7.2	10.8	8.3	6.3	3.8
	Mar '00	7.1	10.0	8.9	6.4	3.8
	Jun '00	6.7	9.5	8.0	6.0	3.8
	Sep '00	6.4	9.2	7.9	5.6	3.8
	Dec '00	6.3	8.9	7.5	5.7	3.8

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,395	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	42.8	41.2
1-2 Years	18.6	17.8
>2 Years	38.5	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



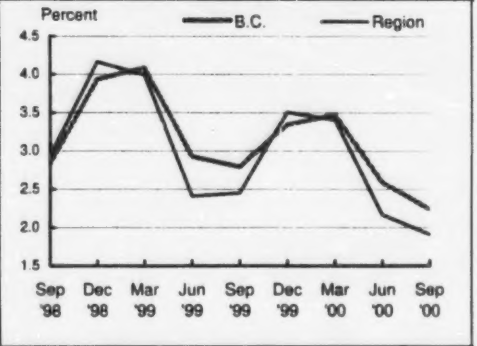
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
2.9	2.6	3.3	1.5	Sep '98
4.2	4.3	4.6	2.2	Dec '98
4.0	4.4	4.4	2.3	Mar '99
2.4	2.2	2.7	1.3	Jun '99
2.5	2.1	2.8	1.2	Sep '99
3.5	3.3	3.9	2.2	Dec '99
3.4	3.0	3.7	2.4	Mar '00
2.2	1.8	2.4	1.4	Jun '00
1.9	2.3	2.1	1.1	Sep '00

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

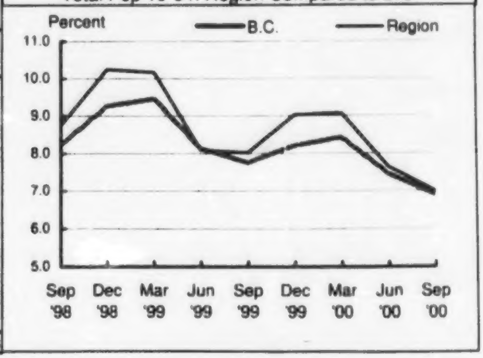
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sep '98	8.8	11.5	9.6	3.7
	Dec '98	10.2	14.1	11.1	4.6
	Mar '99	10.2	13.7	11.0	4.7
	Jun '99	8.1	10.4	8.9	3.7
	Sep '99	8.0	9.7	8.9	3.6
	Dec '99	9.0	11.2	9.9	4.4
	Mar '00	9.1	11.5	9.9	4.6
	Jun '00	7.6	9.6	8.3	3.8
	Sep '00	7.0	10.2	7.5	3.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Sunshine Coast

Regional District

13 Demographics

This area has generally had positive net migration, particularly in the mid-nineties. In the last 25 years the population of the region has more than doubled. Due to the status of the region as a popular place to retire, the median age of the population is substantially higher than the provincial median. The ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is significantly higher than the ratio for British Columbia as a whole. This area also has a significantly higher total fertility rate compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The proximity to the Lower Mainland and the promise of improvements to the transportation network bode well for population growth in this area. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, there will likely be increasing inflows of retirees to the area. The projection is for strong, sustained population growth over the term of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

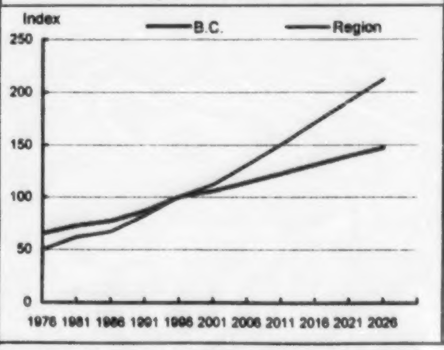
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.9	2.7	1.3	3.3	3.0	1.7	12.8	4.8	0.466	0.219	0.685	1976
1981	1.1	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.5	2.3	15.9	6.2	0.402	0.233	0.634	1981
1986	1.2	2.9	1.2	5.2	3.8	3.0	17.4	7.1	0.404	0.290	0.694	1986
1991	1.4	3.6	1.4	6.6	4.8	3.6	21.3	8.8	0.390	0.284	0.674	1991
1996	1.6	4.5	1.5	7.4	6.3	4.4	25.8	10.5	0.401	0.287	0.688	1996
2001	1.5	5.0	2.2	7.2	7.9	5.1	28.9	11.8	0.372	0.294	0.666	2001
2006	1.8	5.2	2.9	8.2	9.9	5.9	33.9	14.2	0.334	0.283	0.617	2006
2011	2.1	5.4	3.4	9.4	11.7	6.9	38.9	16.8	0.309	0.284	0.593	2011
2016	2.6	6.0	3.5	11.1	12.5	8.6	44.2	19.3	0.318	0.318	0.636	2016
2021	2.9	6.9	3.5	12.8	12.7	10.6	49.5	21.7	0.338	0.363	0.701	2021
2026	3.1	7.9	3.9	14.0	13.3	12.6	54.8	23.9	0.354	0.403	0.756	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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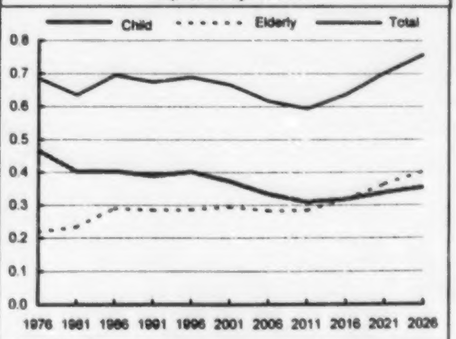

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Chase, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, particularly in the North Thompson area. In the Kamloops area, mining is another important economic activity. There are two major mines currently operating in the area. The Highland Valley mine at Logan Lake is the largest in the province, employing over 1,000 people. The Blackdome mine near Clinton re-opened in 1998 after being closed for seven years, but has since shut down once again due to low gold prices. The mine will likely re-open once prices improve.

A development that will have a substantial impact on the population of this region will be the closure of the Highland Valley Mines. The magnitude of the mine will ensure that significant population impacts will occur. The mine is scheduled to close sometime around 2008.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P25 completed in the summer of 2000. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. They are available on diskette or on paper. While fewer than 5 areas are free, individual areas are priced at $5 each when 5 or more are requested. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $150 and all regional districts are $80. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections appear on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 1999 New!

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson-Nicola							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,311	4,433	360	138	15	4,946	100.0%	100.0%	154,944
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	335	454	21	6	0	481	9.7%	5.9%	9,128
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	17	22	1	1	1	25	0.5%	0.5%	850
22	Utilities	6	7	1	1	0	9	0.2%	0.1%	166
23	Construction	580	554	34	12	0	600	12.1%	11.0%	17,079
31-33	Manufacturing	123	188	16	15	2	221	4.5%	5.9%	9,118
41	Wholesale Trade	111	198	20	6	0	224	4.5%	6.7%	10,431
44-45	Retail Trade	284	553	47	16	2	618	12.5%	11.4%	17,736
48-49	Transp. & Warehousing	224	259	14	5	0	278	5.6%	4.6%	7,098
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	19	29	5	4	0	38	0.8%	1.4%	2,103
52	Finance & Insurance	183	98	10	3	1	112	2.3%	3.4%	5,238
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	446	196	9	3	0	208	4.2%	4.5%	6,973
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	269	340	14	2	0	356	7.2%	10.5%	16,311
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	157	59	11	2	0	72	1.5%	2.2%	3,363
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	124	215	16	0	0	231	4.7%	4.7%	7,245
61	Educational Services	15	43	4	4	4	55	1.1%	1.1%	1,734
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	34	357	18	14	3	392	7.9%	8.5%	13,237
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	41	89	11	3	2	105	2.1%	1.7%	2,674
72	Accom. & Food Services	137	349	90	33	0	472	9.5%	7.4%	11,445
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	206	383	10	4	0	397	8.0%	7.9%	12,165
91	Public Administration		40	8	4	0	52	1.1%	0.5%	850

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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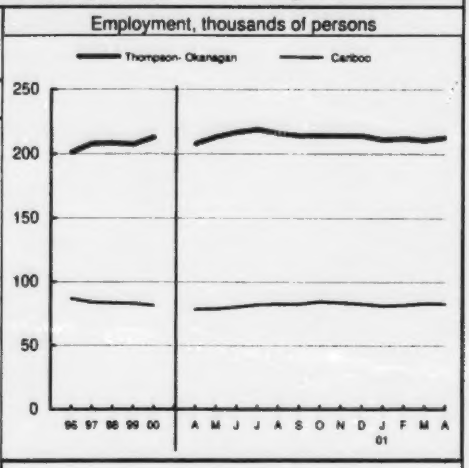
Regional District

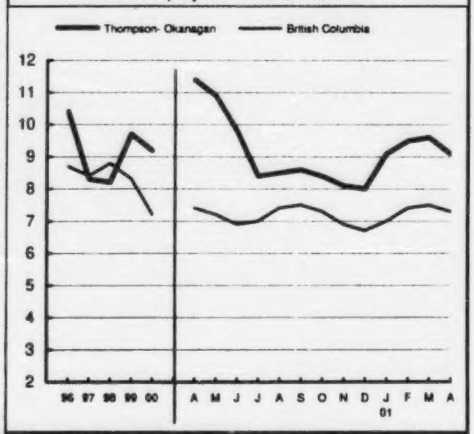
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

	Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
1991					1,572.6	10.1
1992					1,620.3	10.2
1993					1,675.9	9.7
1994					1,754.0	9.0
1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
2000 Jan	204.1	9.0	81.9	8.1	1,908.0	7.6
Feb	204.9	9.5	81.0	8.4	1,913.2	7.5
Mar	206.0	10.3	80.1	9.7	1,913.1	7.6
Apr	207.6	11.4	78.2	11.3	1,919.7	7.4
May	212.8	10.9	78.7	11.2	1,931.9	7.2
Jun	216.7	9.8	80.2	9.7	1,953.2	6.9
Jul	219.0	8.4	82.1	8.6	1,966.9	7.0
Aug	215.8	8.5	82.8	9.5	1,973.3	7.4
Sep	214.1	8.6	82.8	10.6	1,968.9	7.5
Oct	214.2	8.4	84.5	9.8	1,972.3	7.3
Nov	213.9	8.1	83.6	9.1	1,963.9	6.9
Dec	213.9	8.0	82.8	9.7	1,961.2	6.7
2001 Jan	210.9	9.1	81.5	10.9	1,938.9	7.0
Feb	211.7	9.5	81.8	10.8	1,928.9	7.4
Mar	210.5	9.6	83.1	9.2	1,924.7	7.5
Apr	212.6	9.1	82.9	10.0	1,936.5	7.3
May						
Jun						
Jul						
Aug						
Sep						
Oct						
Nov						
Dec						
Average:					year-to-dat	
Jan-Apr00	206.8	10.8	79.1	10.3	1,913.9	7.5
Jan-Apr01	211.3	9.5	82.8	10.0	1,927.6	7.5
% Change	2.2		4.7		0.7	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



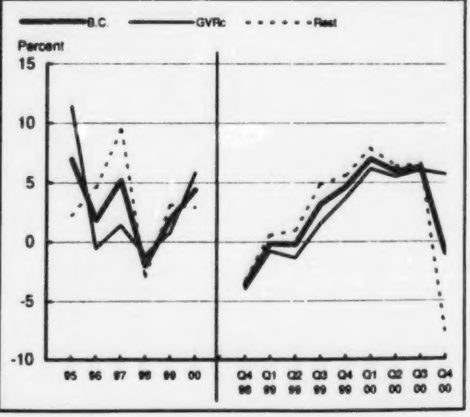
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1996	32,070.8	16,884.8	15,186.0	1.8	-0.5	4.6
	1997	33,735.8	17,112.6	16,623.2	5.2	1.3	9.5
	1998	33,049.5	16,914.6	16,134.9	-2.0	-1.2	-2.9
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,162.9	18,043.1	17,119.8	4.4	5.8	2.9
Quarterly data	99 4	9,097.1	4,591.1	4,506.0	4.6	3.6	5.6
	00 1	7,877.8	4,089.2	3,788.6	7.0	6.2	7.9
	00 2	9,004.9	4,527.6	4,477.3	5.9	5.5	6.4
	00 3	9,275.3	4,574.2	4,701.1	6.3	6.1	6.6
	00 4	9,004.9	4,852.1	4,152.8	-1.0	5.7	-7.8

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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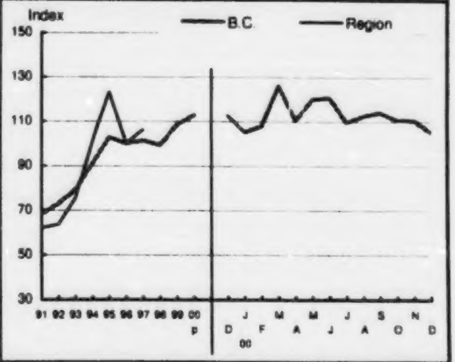
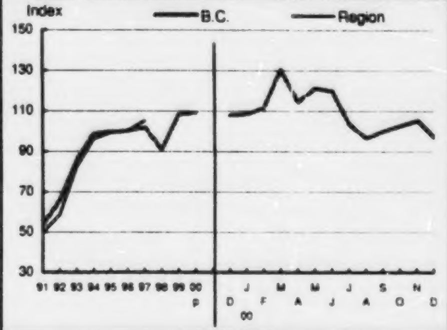
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	2	1
25	Wood	25	25	25	32	31
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13	13	13	16	16
30	Metal Fabricating	15	15	17	20	19
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	79	83	82	102	100
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	442.4	516.7	532.5	536.9	564.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	396.5	397.2	416.6	427.8
30	Metal Fabricating	10.0	13.6	23.4	23.3	20.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	707.3	945.5	1,155.8	938.4	996.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,807	1,985	2,080	1,833	1,880
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,425	1,586	1,288	1,323
30	Metal Fabricating	126	140	170	162	202
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,280	3,530	3,894	3,657	3,719
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	72.5	86.8	94.7	84.2	90.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	63.0	70.4	59.0	68.2
30	Metal Fabricating	4.1	4.7	6.3	6.8	7.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	144.3	162.8	187.7	169.3	174.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

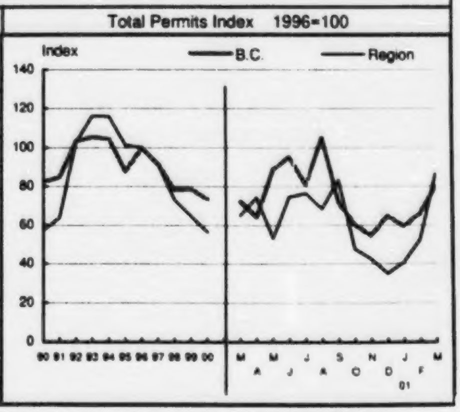


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1993	190.1	43.2	11.9	20.1	11.2	146.9	1,540
1994	189.9	50.0	5.2	39.7	5.0	139.9	1,306
1995	165.9	63.6	3.1	39.1	21.4	102.2	992
1996	163.8	57.1	2.6	39.6	14.9	106.7	1,025
1997	149.4	53.4	14.9	32.6	5.9	96.0	870
1998	119.9	50.7	3.8	32.2	14.6	69.2	524
1999	106.0	44.7	3.4	34.7	6.6	61.3	533
2000	92.2	44.7	4.0	24.4	16.3	47.5	342
Mar '00	16.6	9.2	0.0	7.2	2.0	7.4	48
Mar '01	24.4	14.1	0.4	13.0	0.7	10.3	100

Total Permits Index 1996=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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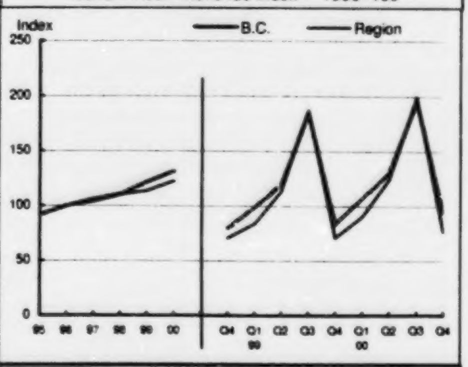
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	1996	41,752.7	6,578.9	10,635.0	17,755.4	6,783.4
	1997	43,246.7	6,668.2	10,860.7	18,388.1	7,329.8
	1998	45,899.6	7,450.5	12,360.7	18,725.7	7,362.7
	1999	47,425.2	8,753.2	11,781.2	19,494.9	7,395.9
	2000	51,171.6	9,438.5	12,979.7	20,760.9	7,992.6
British Columbia	1996	1,093,399.5	205,479.9	277,790.6	420,500.4	189,628.6
	1997	1,157,585.5	211,055.8	294,360.4	444,469.7	207,699.6
	1998	1,206,089.7	230,488.8	294,271.9	463,504.4	217,824.6
	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,184.4	293,518.7	358,235.7	532,840.4	257,589.7

Thompson-Nicola 2000 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	51,171.6	100.0%	Motels	20,148.3	39.4%
Fishing lodges	1,158.5	2.3%	Vacation Rentals	7,300.0	14.3%
Hotels	18,808.9	36.8%			
76+ Rooms	13,740.9	26.9%			
1-75 Rooms	5,067.9	9.9%			

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1996=100

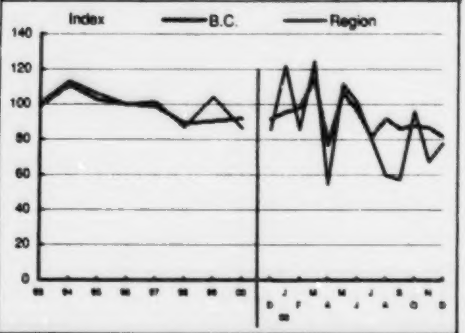


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1993	465
1994	523
1995	490
1996	463
1997	469
1998	403
1999	482
2000	400
Jan-Dec 99	482
Jan-Dec 00	400

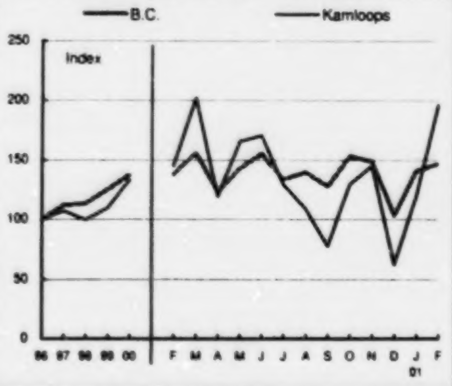
Incorporations Index 1996=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1996=100
Total = Consumer + Business



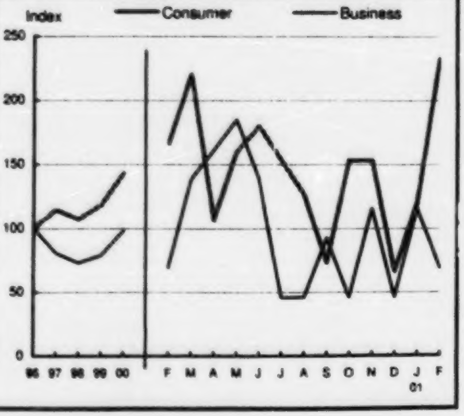
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kamloops		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1996	180	52	472	99	6,436	948
1997	206	42	646	120	7,366	895
1998	193	38	698	156	7,327	1,031
1999	213	41	854	170	8,179	1,075
2000	258	51	983	148	9,181	976
Jan-Feb 00	49	7	148	17	1,504	141
Jan-Feb 01	53	8	180	26	1,591	179

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kamloops Indices 1996=100



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Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Sep '98	8.5	12.3	9.3	7.3	4.2
	Dec '98	8.1	11.2	9.3	7.2	3.8
	Mar '99	8.5	11.7	10.4	7.6	3.9
	Jun '99	8.4	11.7	10.2	7.3	3.9
	Sep '99	8.2	11.5	9.8	7.1	3.9
	Dec '99	7.9	10.7	10.0	7.0	3.9
	Mar '00	8.1	10.7	10.9	7.1	3.9
	Jun '00	8.2	11.1	11.0	7.2	3.9
	Sep '00	7.9	10.8	9.9	6.9	3.9
	Dec '00	7.6	10.2	9.6	6.7	3.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

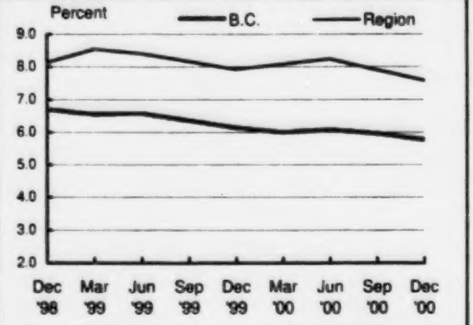
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits)	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Sep '98	3.5	4.0	3.8	1.8	Sep '98
Dec '98	5.3	6.4	5.6	2.7	Dec '98
Mar '99	5.9	7.0	6.4	2.9	Mar '99
Jun '99	3.9	4.1	4.3	1.7	Jun '99
Sep '99	4.2	3.8	4.7	2.3	Sep '99
Dec '99	4.4	4.7	4.7	2.5	Dec '99
Mar '00	5.0	5.3	5.3	3.0	Mar '00
Jun '00	3.2	3.4	3.5	1.6	Jun '00
Sep '00	2.9	2.9	3.1	1.6	Sep '00

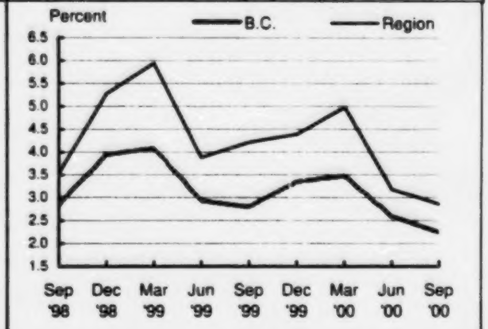
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of Dec '00)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	8,346	194,881
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.5	41.2
1-2 Years	19.1	17.8
>2 Years	37.4	41.1

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

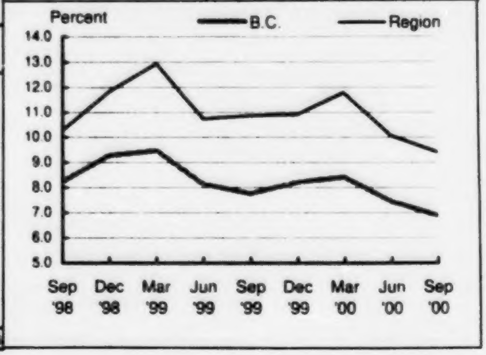
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance)		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Sep '98	10.3	13.1	10.9	5.0
	Dec '98	11.8	15.2	12.5	6.0
	Mar '99	12.9	16.9	13.7	6.1
	Jun '99	10.7	14.0	11.4	4.9
	Sep '99	10.9	13.2	11.6	5.3
	Dec '99	10.9	14.3	11.4	5.6
	Mar '00	11.8	15.9	12.2	6.3
	Jun '00	10.1	14.0	10.5	4.9
	Sep '00	9.4	12.5	9.8	4.8

rior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

13 Demographics

Like many regions in British Columbia with a significant dependence on the resource sectors, this region experienced net migration outflows through the mid-eighties. Since that time, the population has been steadily growing. The gender ratio in this area is biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole where there are more females than males. The reason for this is the dependence on the male-dominated resource sector jobs.

14 Projection

The closure of the Highland Valley Mines will have a significant effect on the population of this area, reducing migration inflows to the region for several years. However, the diversity of the region's economy will ensure that the net migration will remain positive and strong. The projection is for this region to continue to experience strong population growth throughout the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

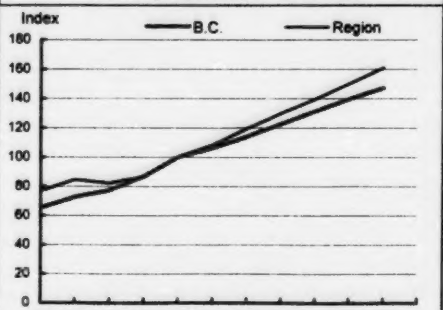
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.0	25.9	12.5	27.8	15.6	4.9	94.8	28.9	0.606	0.088	0.694	1976
1981	8.1	24.4	14.6	32.9	17.9	6.5	104.5	35.1	0.497	0.100	0.597	1981
1986	7.6	21.4	11.4	33.3	19.8	8.2	101.6	35.8	0.450	0.127	0.577	1986
1991	7.4	21.2	10.3	34.7	22.7	10.6	106.9	38.9	0.423	0.157	0.580	1991
1996	7.8	23.7	12.1	38.4	28.3	13.3	123.6	45.9	0.399	0.169	0.569	1996
2001	7.4	23.9	13.1	39.4	33.7	16.3	133.7	51.7	0.363	0.189	0.552	2001
2006	8.2	23.9	14.1	41.7	40.4	19.3	147.6	59.3	0.334	0.201	0.535	2006
2011	8.9	24.4	14.3	44.7	45.7	22.7	160.7	67.1	0.318	0.216	0.534	2011
2016	9.3	25.6	14.1	48.1	47.8	27.5	172.3	74.0	0.317	0.250	0.567	2016
2021	9.7	27.4	14.3	50.8	50.3	33.0	185.4	81.0	0.322	0.286	0.608	2021
2026	10.2	29.1	15.5	52.4	52.7	39.0	198.9	88.3	0.326	0.323	0.649	2026

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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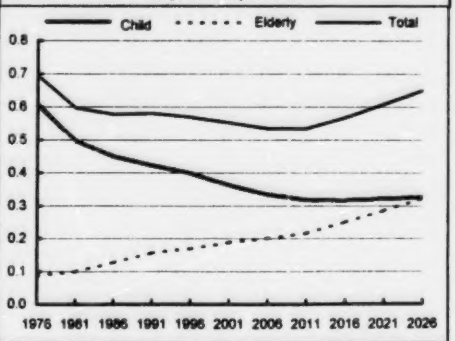

Source: Population data are Projection P-25, run in May 2000. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year.

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Geography

This report is organized by geographic region. British Columbia comprises eight **development regions**, which in turn are composed of varying numbers of **regional districts**. The same set of data tables are presented for: the province of British Columbia; each development region, sorted in numeric order according to the code number, and; each regional district, sorted in alphabetic order.

Regional districts are generally equivalent to Statistics Canada's (SC's) census divisions. Readers are cautioned that regional district boundaries are sometimes subject to change. Langley City and Langley District Municipality were transferred to Greater Vancouver Regional District from Central Fraser Valley Regional District in 1989. Peace River-Liard Regional District has been split into Peace River Regional District and Fort Nelson-Liard Regional District. This report now publishes data for the two new northern RDs. The data for the old Peace River-Liard RD will be the same as for Northeast Development Region. In the Spring of 1999 the name of Fort Nelson-Liard RD changed to Norther Rockies RD.

In 1995, a number of changes occurred in the lower mainland: the municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows were moved from Dewdney-Alouette RD into the Greater Vancouver RD. In January 1996, the remnants of Dewdney-Alouette RD amalgamated with the remnants of the Central Fraser Valley RD (Abbotsford and Matsqui) and the Fraser-Cheam RD to form Fraser Valley RD. While this report is organized according to the new boundaries in the Fraser valley, Tables 5 and 8 within RDs 9, and 15 are presented on the basis of add-ups of the most substantial pieces of the former jurisdictions and Table 6 incorporates a noted break in the series.

The list below shows the relationship of regional districts to development regions. The associated census division number is provided for each regional district.

DR 1: Vancouver Island/Coast	
23	Alberni-Clayoquot
17	Capital
45	Central Coast
25	Comox-Strathcona
19	Cowichan Valley
43	Mount Waddington
21	Nanaimo
27	Powell River
DR 2: Mainland/Southwest	
09	Fraser Valley
15	Greater Vancouver
31	Squamish-Lillooet
29	Sunshine Coast
DR 3: Thompson/Okanagan	
35	Central Okanagan
39	Columbia-Shuswap
37	North Okanagan
07	Okanagan-Similkameen
33	Thompson-Nicola
DR 4: Kootenay	
03	Central Kootenay
01	East Kootenay
05	Kootenay Boundary
DR 5: Cariboo	
41	Cariboo
53	Fraser-Fort George
DR 6: North Coast	
49	Kitimat-Stikine
47	Skeena-Queen Charlotte
DR 7: Nechako	
51	Bulkley-Nechako
57	Stikine
DR 8: Northeast	
55	Peace River
59	Northern Rockies

Table 2: Economic Structure

This table is based on SC's **Business Register**, the central database which is used to frame all their business surveys. This database identifies business

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establishments, which are normally company locations or plants that are able to separately report basic financial statistics. For further information on the definition of an establishment, interested readers are referred to SC's *North American Industry Classification System (Canada 1997)* manual, catalogue 12-501.

To be included, a firm must have paid employees. On this basis many sole proprietorships are not included. Not all business locations represent establishments. Bank branches, for instance, are not identified as individual establishments. Tables at the **major group** (2 digits) and at the **industry** (4 digits) of SIC coding level of detail are available from *BC STATS*.

Table 3: Employment and unemployment rate (LFS)

The data for this table comes from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) by Statistics Canada. The series presented here are three-month moving average, actual. This presentation minimizes the volatility inherent in small samples and sample rotation. Data are only available for BC, development regions and the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) of Vancouver and Victoria. Vancouver CMA is identical to the 1996 Census boundaries of Greater Vancouver Regional District. Victoria CMA is equivalent to Capital Regional District **less** Subdivision A (the Gulf Islands) and Subdivision D (Port Renfrew) and the Indian Reserves associated with these areas.

Table 4: Retail Sales

We publish SC figures for British Columbia and Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area and calculate the difference as "Rest of Province". Since the new boundaries for Greater Vancouver Regional District coincide with the Vancouver CMA boundaries, the GVRD data in *QRS* is for the new RD boundaries.

SC publishes estimates of monthly and quarterly retail sales for each province by up to 16 **retail trade groups**. This estimate includes only retail sales by firms that are SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) coded to **major group 60, Retail Trade**. The province and Greater Vancouver retail trade totals used in this report are these published numbers, based on the **monthly survey**. The annual survey results differ from the monthly estimates and are not used in this report.

Table 5: Manufacturing Principal Statistics

This table provides selected **principal statistics** based on surveys conducted by SC. Similar sub-provincial data was published by SC in the catalogued publication 31-209 up to and including the 1986 reference year. SC has now released for publication principal statistics for 1992. We have suppressed data where there is the possibility of disclosure of confidential information. There are some differences in the detail of information available to *BC STATS* and to SC. In addition, the suppression preferrences chosen, at our request, have worked against some of the data that *QRS* chooses to publish. More specific industry detail is preserved at the expense of major group roll-ups. This has resulted in the complete suppression of six regional districts and hence the four development regions that include them for the 1992 year and later. As the sub-provincial data is available on an annual basis only, it is supplemented by annual and monthly shipments for the same industries at the provincial level. Monthly shipment data are published in SC 31-001 and, in more detail on CANSIM, which is the electronic data base we used to update the series:

D315351 - Canada, total, all manufact'ing
D315497 - Canada, wood industries
D321241 - B.C., total, all manufacturing
D321243 - B.C., food industries

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D321387 - B.C., wood industries
D321390 - B.C., sawmill & planing mill
D321431 - B.C., fabricated metal products

Table 6: Building Permits

SC collects building permit data from municipal and regional district offices. Data for many rural areas is incomplete or non-existent. Further, not all building projects require a building permit, and not all projects with a permit proceed or are completed.

As in other series, when at least six months data are available for the current year, a projection of the annual total is provided. However, as non-residential permits are subject to wide variation, projections of industrial, commercial, and institutional & government permits are limited to 130% of the current year-to-date value whenever the current year-to-date figure is more than double the figure for the same period in the previous year. The 130% ceiling has been arbitrarily chosen as suitable when data for six months remain to be released in the current year. As the end of the year is approached a lower ceiling is appropriate. The ceiling is reduced 5% per month as the number of months remaining until the end of the year decreases.

Table 7: Tourism Room Revenue

This table is intended to measure **tourism activity** but includes business travel and other uses of accommodation. The data is based on remittances of hotel room tax to the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Not all accommodation activity is measured as the statutory requirement is that the tax must be remitted when the establishment has four or more rooms, and no tax is required for a duration of stay of at least one month. This has the effect of excluding many **bed and breakfasts** and **residential hotels**.

Table 8: Incorporations

Tables 8 and 9 are intended to provide an indication of business formation and failure.

Data on incorporations comes from the Ministry of Finance and Corporations. The weakness on the formation side is the failure to include partnerships, extra-provincially incorporated companies, and new sole proprietorship business ventures.

Table 9: Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

We receive bankruptcy data from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada, Ottawa. The data are geographically coded to urban centres where appropriate and the balance to a 'non-urban' category. Data for Vancouver and Victoria are for the Census Metropolitan Areas.

Bankruptcy is an extreme form of business failure. Most unsuccessful businesses simply wind down and cease operations. While the level of these series may be of questionable value, the charted region vs. province comparison does provide some useful information.

Table 10: BC Benefits

The **basic BC Benefits** caseload is used to generate recipient data by age and family structure. The BC Benefit program replaced the Income Assistance program in 1996. We have chosen recipient groups that match the previously published Income Assistance data to achieve continuity.These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. INCLUDED are Youth Works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. EXCLUDED are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined in these reports as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include aboriginal

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people living on reserve. A dash '-' identifies data too small to release.

Table 11: Unemployment

Measures of regional unemployment are only available historically for nine **economic regions** defined by SC. Starting with January, 1995, the **Labour Force Survey** (LFS) is compiled for the eight development regions defined by the provincial government. The LFS samples appropriately in these regions to derive local measures of unemployment. As a proxy for small area unemployment rates, *BC STATS*, using data from Human Resources Development Canada (HRD), estimates the ratio of Employment Insurance beneficiaries as a percent of the working age population in a region. (See also, Table 2)

Table 12: Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

The data described for tables 10 and 11 are combined to provide a more complete picture of regional reliance on the "safety net."

Beginning in June 1997, the combined BC Benefit+EI rate in this report has been adjusted to count only once those persons receiving both Employment Insurance and BC Benefits. Therefore use caution when comparing data to pre June 1997 data. This adjustment resulted in an overall decrease of 0.3 percentage points to the BC rate in June 1997.

Table 15: Demographic Characteristics

Population growth can be a measure of the economic well being of an area. *BC STATS* projects population for **local health areas** (approx. 80 in the province) and for **regional districts**. This data is available in considerable detail in print and electronic formats. See the description of regional data products elsewhere in this report.